



# St Mary's News 2021 September Issue 2

Dear Parents,

Week 2 has brought many joys again, including the first school trip, for Y6, being finalised -assuming no changes in Government Guidelines. Please have a look at the reminders and events below, which are current and need your attention:

## Reminders:

**Safety when parking:** A resident has requested that parents avoid further damage to the environment by turning their engines off whilst waiting for children on the parish car park. Many thanks in anticipation to those few who may have forgotten- it does make sense.

**First Aid** – Mrs Joyce has requested that any outstanding prescribed inhalers and spacers not in school for children's use, be sent in as soon as possible. She thanks all those who have already done so.

**Staff Car park** - Please can all parents of Nursery children, park their cars in the parish car park, on Whetstone Lane, or safely in the local roads The car park gate cannot be *buzzed open* for your use, unless you have a current disability badge to display. Please use the pedestrian gate for access to school.

**School Fund** Thank you to those who have already contributed to School Fund, via the school gateway. If you haven't had chance yet, it is never too late. The monies contribute greatly to prizes, special events, treats etc which make school a better place to be.

**Toys/ home belongings** – where there is a medical need agreed by school, via Mrs Lewis our school SENCo, for your child to try a fidget toy, we will be in touch. Other than that, toys and home belongings of whatever form, are not allowed in school. They can be distracting towards your child and others and cause anxiety when they are lost or broken.

**Home Collection** - Staff have a duty of care and will only dismiss your child through the gate that has been agreed. Please make sure you follow routine to support them. Many thanks

## Coming soon ...

**Welcome Briefings-** Y6, Y5 and Y4 have been well attended. Thank you. We are pleased to see parents back in school. We look forward to Y3,2,1 and Reception being successful in communication, also

**Y3 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> September**    **Y2 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Y1 Tues 21<sup>st</sup> September**    **Rec Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Y6 Secondary transfer** - Please find attached:

- a letter inviting you to **St Francis of Assis Open evening next Wednesday 22/9/21**, as detailed. They are also running open mornings should you wish to attend. If you plan to take your child out of school, you will need to let the school office know in advance. Wherever possible, we encourage children to attend out of school hours.
- A letter from Walsall Local Authority Admissions Team detailing carefully, the process you will need to take to apply for a secondary school place for your child. The closing date for the application is 31<sup>st</sup> October **however, we strongly advise that all applications are made by Friday 22/10/21, when we finish for half term. This letter will be sent out with your child tomorrow, also. Please ask for support if you are unsure, in any way, via the school office.**

**Morrison tokens** - Every £10 of shopping at Morrisons, secures one grow token for us at St Mary of the Angels, with your help. Please take the time to download the **MyMorrisons app** today, to start collecting tokens and choose St Mary of the Angels to donate them to. Staff, Governors, you too please! Thank you ☺



*We look forward to our first Whole School Mass since Lockdown at 9.15am, tomorrow morning. You are welcome to join us.*

**And Finally...** Mrs Desorgher, known to many of you, in her supportive role as parent governor in recent years, is stepping down as parent governor. We are therefore in need of a replacement. Next week, we will share with you the process for nominations and elections of a parent governor. Have a think if this is for you.