



# St Mary's News 2021 October Issue 2

"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"

Dear Parents,

**Co Vid updates-** Week 6 brings news of no new Co Vid school community members That is really reassuring. Please continue with your proactive approach towards testing, if you suspect your child may be positive. This protects us all. Please also can I ask that we are mindful of those, within our community who have significant vulnerabilities and anxieties. They need to feel safe on school ground also. Thank you, as always.

**Lockdown aftermath.** We have attached a summary of findings, with regard to Lockdown aftermath, at St Mary's. We hope that you find it useful to know what we are doing and why. Please see how this might apply to your children at home. Please be honest and be fair. Some will not apply, some will apply little, some will apply a lot. Talk to your child about how to move forward.

**Communication-** this is really improving. Thank you. We are quickly re- establishing a great professional working relationship to support children, in school, based on trust and teamwork. My particular thanks to staff, for great patience in being consistent, positively and insisting on a common approach across all children, from their starting points

**Behaviour Non negotiables,** for your reference parents:

listening to their teacher on first request; walking safely around the building; responding politely when their name is called by staff, doing as they are asked without argument, respecting the rule of law & not hurting others .

## This week and Reminders:

**Parking-** Parents, it is against the law to obstruct the pavements; parents with pushchairs and prams have been finding it difficult to safely arrive to the school site. Please park responsibly. My thanks to all those who already do this.

**Y6 Secondary transfer-** The closing date for the application is 31<sup>st</sup> October. Mrs Potter is *on the case* for those who have not yet completed or engaged.

**Parent Governor-** The deadline for nominations has passed. We have two positions vacant and two applicants. We will keep you posted.

**Lunchtime Supervisor** – nearly there-We look forward to sharing details with you, once the recruitment procedure is complete, in line with Safeguarding.

**Flu Vaccinations** – Well done staff! These have been completed, with much cajoling and encouragement in some cases. r children in R-Y6.

**Paralympian Darren Harris school visit** this was a great success. Thank you Darren- you are an inspiration to us all.. Sponsor forms and monies can still be brought in next week- the deadline is next Friday.

**Bikeability-** Well done Y6 -We are proud of all those who took part.

## Upcoming events:

**Harvest Mass** Our Harvest Mass is on Friday 22nd October. We hope that our parents can join us, too. You are very welcome.

**Harvest Contributions** towards Rice 1 kg bags- **Wow!! Thank you so much.** We have already raised £190+. We cannot wait to share the final figure with the children, and give out rice bags to them all. Extra play time is a guarantee now children, as promised, as we have reached three figures! **KS1 children- we need a tin each for local foodbanks, next week, please? We look forward to it.**

**Book Sale-** Please find attached a lovely letter from our school council. Have a read and please support them, Mums and Dads

**Toast Payments.** Please can these be paid, via the gateway, by 3<sup>rd</sup> November . From after Half term, coins, cannot be accepted for toast, in the school office as we are a cashless school.. Please pay via the gateway. Many thanks

**Parents consultations.** will be throughout the day, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. These can be booked from the 21/10/21, via schools. Just log on through the school website. A crib sheet will follow next week.



**And Finally....** This week we remember the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Please enjoy sharing them.