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Newsletter No. 6: Friday 13th October 2023

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We've had another lovely, busy week in school. We marked World Mental Health day on Tuesday by wearing an item of yellow. We know that children's minds are constantly being shaped by their environment and the connections they make. Children's brains develop at an amazing rate and they are starting to understand the world in which we live, how to manage our emotions, build relationships, believe in themselves, develop resilience against adversity and have trust in others. The children have learnt more about this during the week, in how to support a positive mindset and sense of wellbeing, how to try to keep mentally healthy and show support for ourselves and others. More information can be found on these websites:

[Britain Get Talking | Schools \(itv.com\)](https://www.itv.com/britain-get-talking/schools)

[Anna Freud | Anna Freud](https://www.annafreud.com)

[Mental health for children, teenagers and young adults - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health-for-children-teenagers-and-young-adults)

We also have some exciting trips and educational visits now in the diary. Well done to Year Six who had such a fantastic day at Woodlands last Friday, showing bravery, resilience and team work. There are some lovely pictures on Twitter!

Another well done goes to the children who took part in the football competition at Streetly Academy on Monday - it was the girls' turn this week. In four out of five of the matches, they managed to not only win, but not let any goals past them - wow. Thank you again to Mr Reynolds for facilitating this.

Our Mini Vinnies are busy working on a new initiative in thinking about Harvest and collecting food for the local food bank, supporting people locally. As well as this, they want to fundraise for our global family, raising money for 'Mission Together.' Please see the separate letter outlining all of their ideas.

We are also attaching a letter about our upcoming 'Science Extravaganza.' There is lots to look forward to.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hill

Dan Callow Retreat Day

We've had such a wonderful retreat day, celebrating our theme 'Let All Creation Sing.' A huge thanks to Dan and Emily from One Life Music for making this day so enjoyable and memorable for us.

"Laudato Si, mi Signore!
Blessing and praise to you, my Lord!
Laudato Si, mi Signore!
All glory and honour to you!"

Open Day

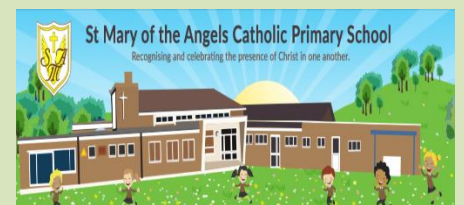
We are holding open days for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

You are welcome to join us to find out more about the school on:

Monday 13th November at 9:30am

If you know of any prospective parents, please pass on this message. We look forward to seeing you then.

We have a small number of spaces in this year's Nursery and Reception class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





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Notices

- We are having a book fayre in school, week beginning 16th October. This will be in the St Thomas room after school from 3:30-4pm. Please bring cash payment if you wish to purchase any books.
- We are always looking for ways to promote reading for pleasure in school and Blue Peter have started a book club initiative and promoting some new and exciting books. Please take a look.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>
If your child does have any books that they have read and are looking to recycle, we may be able to use them in school (particularly KS2 novels.) Please send any photos of the books to Postbox. Thank you.
- PTA News: The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 18th October at 6pm in school. You are most welcome to come along and join the fun, planning some lovely events and fundraisers for our children!
- The PTA also run a successful 50/50 club. The idea is that you sign up to a monthly subscription and then have the chance to win cash prizes in the monthly draw. Please see the flyer and support if you can by signing up.
- Our updated Attendance Policy is on our school website. Please note that appointments, particularly routine check-ups should be kept outside of school hours where possible. If your child does have an unavoidable appointment, please send a copy of the appointment card or message to Postbox rather than to class pages. It is very important that the office have this information. Thank you.

Events

Tuesday 17th October - Y5 at Woodlands

Friday 20th October 9:15am - Harvest Mass in school, all welcome

Monday 23rd October - Y1 at Twycross Zoo

Y6 Bikeability - 24th & 25th October

Tuesday 24th October - Y4 at Mass with the parish

Wednesday 25th October - Y2 at the Farm

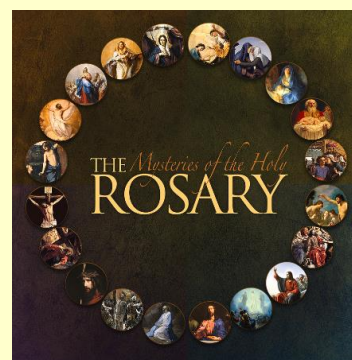
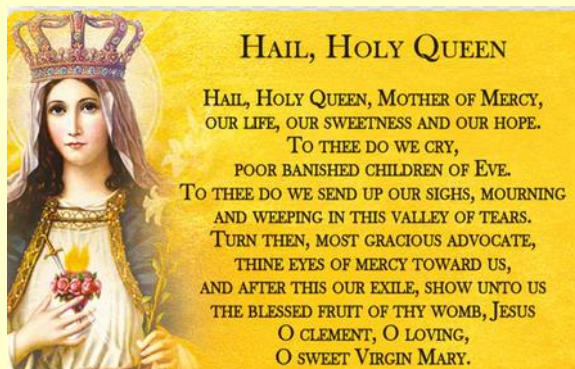
Thursday 26th October 3:20pm in the hall - Science Extravaganza - please see the separate letter attached with more details

Friday 27th October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Week beginning 6th November - parent / teacher meetings: more details to follow

Prayer and Reflection

During this month of October, we dedicate our prayers to Our Lady and in school we are learning more about the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher