



St Mary's News 2021 November Issue 1

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back- It is great to see the winter uniform looking so smart on children. It is also a credit to you all to see hair tied back, smart shoes and respectful approaches to fashion accessories. That sends a clear message to children about expectations in school. P.E Uniforms are generally really good too, however can I politely remind parents that leggings, large logos and alternative non uniform colours are not part of uniform. I know that the PTA have been liaising with Mrs Hayes regarding a "vintage" style uniform swap shop. That is in keeping with world priorities, currently, so please look out for details. In the meantime, if you have something on order or need an extra week to purchase something, tell us - we understand and will look forward to seeing them in full uniform again, soon.

Covid updates- Thank you for your response to the return to mask wearing - on the school site and in communal spaces, again. It is appreciated. We have had two new cases, this week - one family with two siblings and one separate family. We send them our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Induction for new parents feedback - Thank you. Please find the summary of findings attached and on the EYFS class pages.

Behaviour non negotiables, for your reference parents: All children need to demonstrate that they are: 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.

School Council CAFOD Book Sale. Congratulations to you all. This afternoon, all KS2 will have the chance to receive a nearly new book of their choice - we have raised £95 - with my donation, that brings us to £100! I think that deserves a reward Mrs Hayes? Spare books will be shared as appropriately with KS1 also.

This week and Reminders:

Safeguarding Internet safety- Please find attached a well written guide to **Squid Game** and the safety factors that parents need to be aware of.

Parking- I received a **respectful apology** from the Bidfood's van driver this morning, who thought it safe to drive between children in the car park. **I said I would pass it on to you all**. He has assured me he knows not to do it again. In the same way, can I **respectfully remind parents of younger children, using the church car park, to be very aware of their children when cars are entering and leaving the car park. An accident can be prevented if we work together**.

Poppy Appeal - This is on the School Gateway and currently has almost £70 in it. All children will receive a poppy to wear on Thursday 11th November. Please continue to donate to this worthwhile appeal.

Harvest Donations. Thanks for the various tins and dry foods received. These were collected on Monday morning and distributed locally. Shortly, children will be receiving their 1kg bag of Rice as a thanks for their donations to support a child in the third world. Well done children & thanks parents.

Homework Club -Donations are currently at £62- thank you to children accessing this club. Please feel able to contribute if you have not had chance to do so.

Upcoming events:

Y2 Geography Aldridge Walkabout-

Tuesday 9/11/21 1.30pm - Parents, they should sleep on Tuesday night!

Y4 History Gladiator Visit - Monday

15/11/21- Letter received already

Y1-Y6 First Aid workshops in school-16th

and 18th November- a response to pupil voice and pupil wellbeing from Mrs Hayes

Parents consultations for N-Y3, Y5-Y6. will be throughout the day, on Friday 26th November. These can be booked via eSchools. Just log on through the school website.

Y4 Parents Consultations will be on the following Friday 3rd December, as shared, this week. Please see attached document for your reference, as a reminder.

And Finally... We welcome Mrs Jackson in our kitchen, Mrs Joyce in our hall across luntime and Mrs Fielden in Y4.

Be safe across the weekend - Fireworks are great - from a distance!