

SMA News

We keep the family of Margaret Snape (an ex caretaker here at St Mary's), in our prayers at the moment. May she rest in peace.



Upcoming Events

Friday 4th October–

Y6 to visit St Chad's Cathedral—on the bus!

PTA Christmas card letter in children's bags

Monday 7th October–

Children will be encouraged to swap their lunch for Soup and a roll (followed by a biscuit) - in recognition of Family Fast. [Details from Y4 attached today](#)

Tuesday 8th October

Y1 Trip to Twycross Zoo today

Friday 11th October–

Y5 Class led assembly—9.10am
PTA Christmas card letters to be returned today

Tuesday 15th October–

Y5/6 Netball Tournament (Walsall Catholic Schools)

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Children in Y5/6 to receive guidance from the LA Prevent team about the importance of being safe online, in school, at home and in the community.

Tuesday 22nd October–

Catholic Schools' netball Tournament

Thursday 24th October–

Harvest Mass in school 9.10am

Friday 25th October

School closed to all children (INSET)
Half term holiday begins today

And Finally...

Thanks to Ayana and Amelia, who took great time and effort to prepare a lovely letter, which you will find [attached to the news letter today](#), reminding all KS2 parents about swapping sandwiches for soup—next **MONDAY 7th October**. Please really encourage your children to put themselves out and give the soup a chance. Lets see how much we can raise. The girls and Y4 deserve a great reaction for their hard work.

In Y4, I like maths because I love learning about 3 and 4 digit numbers like 1000s.

I like Y4 because I like having my picture taken and doing P.E—we do dance Mrs O'Hara.

Thank you to Tilly and Ruby



Y1's Geography knowledge is pretty impressive! Look at their igloos—used by the innuits for hunting.



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SPORTS NEWS

The Sports' Captains have been chosen and already they are beginning to set a good example in school.

Miss Wood has been facilitating a new morning tennis club, each Monday morning. It is a great opportunity. Speak to Mrs Ward or Mrs Potter in the school office if you are interested in your KS2 child taking part.

Our "wake and shake" has started in the mornings, too. All are welcome to join- free of charge- from 8.35 am. Our after school dance and cheerleading has also started. Bryan is working with two groups, after school- football on a Friday and Multi skills each Tuesday. Dan is running a gymnastics club each Monday evening, also.

There are two netball events on the horizon during November; we look forward to hearing good news.

Last year, St Mary's received a special accolade for being involved in a wider variety of differing sports across the year, when compared to other similar sized schools. Well done Miss Wood—let's see if we can match this again, this year.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Miss no single OPPORTUNITY of making some SMALL SACRIFICE, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; ALWAYS doing the smallest right and doing it all FOR LOVE.

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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Thanks to our school photographer—smiles all round.



Y3 Macmillan Coffee morning, last Friday

Safeguarding Updates

Since returning in September, some children have taken to returning back into the building for lunch-boxes, water bottles, pens etc, after they have been dismissed, at the end of the day. This is creating a safeguarding concern— with children then not being able to find parents and needing staff assistance again to locate them. Mums, Dads and Nans and Grandads, we need your help in three ways:

- 1) Please encourage your child to gather all of their belongings before they leave the buildings— independent thinking and resilience at its best!
- 2) Don't overpile them with bags etc, they will tell you they need everything. We trust you to keep it to a minimum.
- 3) If they need to return to the building, please wait until all of their class have been dismissed, then accompany them back into the building with the teacher/TA, to collect whatever they have forgotten. Many thanks

School and PTA news

Well done and thank you to the following children, who have impressed us in different ways:

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School and PTA News cont'd

Y6— have been complimented by members of the community on two different occasions: the bikeability staff were really proud of them and the St John's Ambulance staff said that they were a real credit to the school. Well done to you all, children.

Y5— for a great turnout at Mass, last week; they definitely beat Y4 in numbers. Thanks to all of the great readers, too.

Y3— who managed to raise £133 for Macmillan Nurses— Well done children and staff. Parents and grandparents were hugely supportive, last week. I agree that the prayers were a little on the brief side, however at the age of 7 and 8, the excitement of cakes and raising money, naturally outweighs the place of prayer for an afternoon. I think we can forgive them on this occasion — actions speak louder than words here.

PTA News— Thank you to the PTA members for their great planning meeting, last night. There are some great ideas in the pipeline for 2019/20.

Please remember that upcoming events are posted on the Facebook page: [St Mary of the Angels PTA Facebook page](#).

Please also find attached details of 50/50 club membership and a letter about Christmas cards in bags, tomorrow. I believe there is a PTA Newsletter due to be circulated just after half term. Thanks again PTA!

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St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Application to Join 50/50 Club

P.T.A.

NAME/S OF MEMBER

ADDRESS

POST CODE TELEPHONE NO

If related to a child in school please give

NAME OF CHILD CLASS

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Please complete & return to a PTA member or to the school office.

.....BANK

.....BRANCH

Address

Sort Code

Please pay

Nat West Bank PLC, 30 Anchor Road, Aldridge, Walsall.

Sort Code 60-01-40 Account Number 65603338

for the credit of St. Mary's PTA The sum of £2.50

commencing 4th day of 201 and thereafter on the 4th day of every month until further notice.

Signature Date

A/C No; to be debited A/C Name

Name Address



Join the 50/50 club for a £2.50 monthly subscription and you will be entered into our monthly prize draw for cash prizes. The more members we have, the bigger the prize funds. Each month all the club members' names are put into a hat and 4 are drawn out as winners. Half the money received each month is added to the PTA funds and the other half is divided amongst the 4 prize winners. You have to be in it to win it!



In line with GDPR, the school will shred these details once they have been set up by the PTA



Dinners/ Sandwiches for Soup Challenge – Key Stage 2 only

Dear Parents,

Mrs Howlett, our dinner lady, is going to do a soup kitchen on Monday 7th October. We will be charging £2.20 for children who wish to have soup, a bread roll and of course her scrumptious desserts. The reason that we're doing this is for us to exchange our usual packed lunch/ school dinner for a healthy but very yummy lunch – to associate with those in poverty. All money will be split between CAFOD and S.t John's care centre, a Missionary centre in Africa, for children.

Please encourage your child to "Swap dinners/ sandwiches for soup" on Monday the 7th October. Please pay £2.20 for your child's soup kitchen dinner on the school Gateway by 9.00am on Monday the 7th October.

Mrs O Hara is promising to be first in queue!

Yours Sincerely,

Ayana, Amelia & year 4

