



St Mary's News 2022 February Issue 3

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

Dear Parents,

Covid – Good news again; we remain Covid free this week in school. Thanks to you for your vigilance.

Our Annual Art Gallery was genuinely a sight for sore eyes, this morning. The amount of pride, effort, flair and determination evident in your children's art work was second to none. Thank you to almost all parents (156) who have already signed up on the gateway. We already have £238 profit, after the cost of materials, from you, which will be used to purchase some luxury art materials for each class. Thanks to Mrs Smith and her band of merry TAs who chivvied and encouraged such a positive presentation of work, for us all. The children (and staff) had a lovely few minutes just observing and enjoying the exhibition, this morning. A flavour of the work will be available on the school website after the half term holiday, before the end of March.

Valentine's Day Fun- To quote two young children on their way to mooch through and receive their Valentine's Day gift, wrapped in shiny red paper and presented amidst hearts and happiness, "This is my best day in school ever!" Thank you, on the children's behalf, to the very willing PTA members who brought a touch of winter cheer to school with their great efforts. Excitement and anticipation was high; it was a lovely return to a little normality, after the isolation and restrictions to sharing equipment etc. Thanks also to the many parents who paid for the efforts. A modest profit is evident alongside the positive wellbeing feeling it created.

Valentine's Day Lunch- This was also a popular activity, this week. It was great to see almost a third more children in KS2 taking part in the themed lunch. I did sample the heart shaped biscuits- they were divine!

Mental wellbeing wear your favourite colour Day, last Friday, was also great to be part of. Children (and staff) were proud to share their favourite colours and the smiles and laughter were testament to the purpose of the day- to boost a positive mental health for all. Thanks to Mrs Hayes for arranging it.

Booking changes for school lunches - as from Monday 28th February lunches will need to be booked 24 hrs in advance. If parents need to book on the day, a telephone call to the school office can facilitate this for them.

Friday 11/3/22- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Parents - you will have received a letter sharing details of the forthcoming Reading Workshops on this day – Reception Parents to arrive at 9am, via the school office; Nursery Parents to arrive at 2.20pm. See you there.

Upcoming events:

Thursday 17/2/22 - School finishes for half term for all children today.

Zoom Meeting for Y6 will take place on **Thursday 17th February at 6.30pm.**

The link is on the Y6 class page.

Friday 18/2/22 INSET Day for all staff.

Thursday 3/3/22- Y6 Confirmation - 7pm in St Mary of the Angels Church

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Tuesday 15/3/22- Y3 Parents Meeting –Reconciliation preparation- 6pm

Friday 18/3/22 – PTA Krispy Kreme Donuts sale £1 via the School Gateway

Friday 1/4/22- Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1.30 Venue TBC

Friday 8/4/22- School closes for the Easter break- all children need to be collected from school at 1.30pm on this day.

Wednesday 27/4/22 and Thursday 28/4/22 Parents Consultations in school between 4pm and 7pm each evening. This will be arranged via the Gateway, two weeks prior to the event.

Thursday 3/3/22 @9-9.30am - SMA

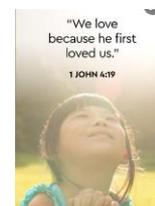
SEN "Meet and Greet" Coffee Morning- Chance for all of our parents of children with SEN needs, to come and meet Mrs Dell, our new SENCO. We look forward to seeing you.

We need your views- says Pope

Francis Please find the link below:

<https://forms.gle/kTw8qgHVtD74oFEPo9>

And Finally...



Please stay safe and well across the half term. We look forward to a healthy return on Monday 28th February.