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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week we have been thinking about our Gospel message in which Jesus welcomes the children and shows the disciples how important they are. We have been thinking about how we can be welcoming to others, just like Jesus, and show our love for God's children around the world.

We had a wonderful visit from Pep the Poet on Monday. Children enjoyed an assembly in which they heard and learnt some very fun poems. Then they had a workshop learning more about Pep and his poetry. Hopefully they came home and told you how inspired they were by this. Thank you to our English leaders, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Polito for organising this special day.

We marked World Mental Health day on Thursday 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 emotions, build relationships, believe in themselves, develop resilience against adversity and have trust in others. The children are learning even more about this in school, in how to support a positive mindset and sense of wellbeing, how to try to keep mentally healthy and how to show support for ourselves and others. More information can be found on these websites:

[Britain Get Talking | Schools \(itv.com\)](https://www.britain.gov.uk/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)

We have completed all of our welcome briefings and stay and plays for this half term. We hope that you found them useful and informative. Parents' evening will take place early next half term so that you can find out more about how your child is getting on. Thank you to everyone in nursery and reception who completed the early year's parent questionnaire.

As you are aware, we had an Ofsted inspection in July. The responses to all of our surveys were very positive, thank you. There are a couple of points that we would welcome your views on in a bit more detail. Please take a few minutes to answer these questions as they will help us in supporting our children and families.

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Our Mini Vinnies are busy working on a new initiative: plans for Harvest. They would like us to collect tins and packets of food for the local food bank, supporting people locally. As well as this, they want to fundraise for our global family: raising money for a charity called Mary's Meals. Please see the separate letter outlining all of their ideas. These initiatives give our children the chance to turn all of their concerns into action, which is truly inspirational and in keeping with all of our Catholic Social Teachings. We would welcome your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this afternoon, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been improving their focus, improving their handwriting and presentation and for being geographers - using key vocabulary!

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y3 and Y4 for their kind, safe and responsible behaviours with full engagement in their work, completing their homework and tidying up the classroom.

Our Lunchtime Award winners are Y6 for lovely manners and responsible behaviour.

Our Attendance Award was presented to Y6 with 98.7%.

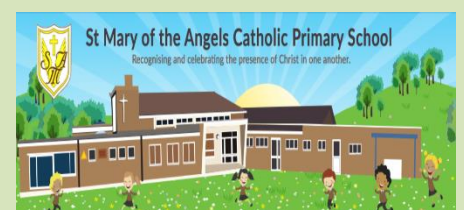
Open Day

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

You are welcome to join us to find out more about the school on:
Wednesday 6th 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 class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





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Notices

- As a school, we are reliant on your generosity in supporting our school fund account to buy items and little extras for our children. If everyone could contribute a little, it would make a tangible difference to our children. We kindly ask that you donate to our school fund via the gateway to help pay for any little extras and treats for the children throughout the year.
- PTA Updates: Our PTA are planning a disco for the children to enjoy on Wednesday 23rd October. Please see the flyer sent last week and pay via the gateway. Thank you for your support with this exciting event!
- A huge thank you to Mrs Lombardi who will be stepping down as PTA treasurer soon. We thank her for many hours of hard work given up to help raise funds for the children.
- If you are at Asda this weekend, we have signed up to the Cash Pot for Schools initiative. Here is some more information:
<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>
- Staff have had online safety training updates this week. We are doing much work in school to teach the children about how to stay safe online and ask that you work in partnership with us to support this at home. Regularly monitoring any app use, checking age restrictions on apps and activating parental controls are all ways that will help keep children safe. This is also a useful website to refer to:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Events

We have a book fayre in school next week. It will be open after school each day. Please come through the main entrance.

Thursday 17th October 2:15pm YR
Prayer service in school (parents are welcome)

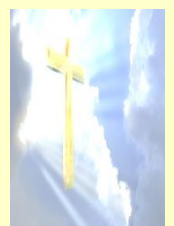
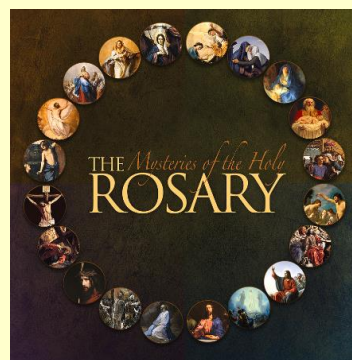
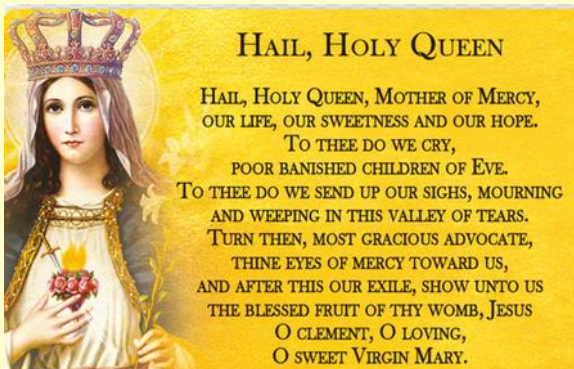
Friday 18th October 9:15am -
Harvest Mass and donations: please see separate letter from the Mini Vinnies

Tuesday 22nd October - Y3 walking to Mass with the Parish

Thursday 24th October - we will be celebrating a France themed day. Our children have access to a range of modern foreign languages, with French being the one that we primarily focus on. The children will be immersed in some lovely activities celebrating France and the French language. Children are invited to wear red, white and/or blue clothing

Prayer and Reflection

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



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher