



St Mary's News 2022 May Issue 3

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

Dear Parents,

Busy times!- This week has been a very eventful week. We have had: Holy Communion celebrations, Wellbeing Day, Mile a Day, Grab Bag to Go and Thursday Treat Day, to name but a few events taking place. A huge thank you to all staff involved in bringing these events to life and ensuring that they run on time, safely and smoothly- Mrs Hayes, Miss Wood, After School Club staff and our chefs, also.

Grab Bags are back!- Children in Y6,5,4, and 3 are invited to join in with Grab Bag Lunches. **Each Monday for Y6, Tuesday for Y5, Wednesday for Y4 and Thursday for Y3**, children can choose to pay for a picnic style lunch (a warm sausage/bacon/veggie baguette, a cake/biscuit, a piece of fruit), which they can then eat outside in our picnic area. It feels like fun and is always well received, Please just pay for a school dinner as normal, via the gateway, to order Grab Bag lunches.

The return of the Science Extravaganza- This will be open to parents **on Thursday 26th May, in the** morning, from 8.30-10am. We look forward to seeing what our scientists are up to.

Positive External confirmation- We were fortunate to have our External School Improvement Partner in school, this week, for a second visit, since Easter- talking to children about their work, their school, their perception of progress and learning, and their thoughts. His comments were very reassuring and wholeheartedly positive. He spoke to pupil representatives from all groups across the school, and all ages- from Y1 upwards - about History, Science, Bullying, Online Safety and Reading. He described your children as "amazing" and was 'bowled over' by their knowledge, eloquence, passion, and by their understanding of the school's vision, direction and ethos. Well done to our little ambassadors- we were proud of your attitude, also.

Thanksgiving Mass- we look forward to Y3's Thanksgiving Mass, in school, at 9.15am, on Friday 27th May. Parents from Y3 are very welcome to join us- please arrive via the front entrance, after dropping children into school. Mrs Kennedy is planning a lovely communion breakfast for them all, and the Communion Cake is fantastic, also.

Half term- **We finish for half term on Friday 27th May, and return after the Inset day on Tuesday 7th June 2022. School is closed on Monday 6th June for staff development.**

PTA 50/ 50 Club. Please find attached a 50/50 Club form, which will also be distributed tomorrow, to all families. It is an easy way to support the PTA and might even win some money for you, occasionally. Thanks to Rachel and the PTA friends for amending this appropriately. This month's winners, who will each receive £18.75, are: John Meadows, Penny Ward, Mr and Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Pickering. Our congratulations to them all.

Our Queen's Jubilee Celebration- Staff are planning some lovely activities in school for our youngest children- they are also planning a great *dance through the ages* external provider activity for KS2- to mark the Queen's jubilee. There may also be a little treat in store for children to remember the day... watch this space!

Upcoming events:

Thursday 26/5/22 Science Extravaganza 8.30-10am, in the school hall. All are welcome.

Friday 27/5/22 Y3 Thanks giving Mass in school (9.15am)- all Y3 parents are welcome.

Friday 27/5/22 School closes for half term

Monday 6/6/22- School closed to all children. Staff Retreat day- as part of training.

Monday 13/6/22 -Rainbows and brownies returns to SMA school site

Wednesday 15/6/22- Dental Nurses in school for R and Y1 5 yr olds.

Thursday 16 /6/22 -Woodlands Activity Day for Y6

Sunday 19/6/22 -Corpus Christi procession for Y3 children in church at 9.30am

Monday 20/6/22- 22/6/22 Y6 Alton Castle residential Thanks to our Chair of Governors, Mr Wintrip for agreeing to be our third staff member .

Wednesday 22/6/22 -Induction Meeting for Reception 2022/23 cohort (7-8pm) and Nursery 2022/23 cohort (6-7pm)

And Finally...



One more week to remember the gentleness and kindness associated with our patron – St Mary.