



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Newsletter No. 9: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week and great to see the winter uniform looking so smart. This sends a clear message to children about expectations in school. It is also a credit to the children to see their hard-working and focused attitudes during lessons. P.E Uniforms are generally really good too; however, can I politely remind parents that sports logos and alternative non-uniform colours are not part of our uniform.

This week during our prayer services, we have celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints and prayed for those who have died, thinking also about All Souls' Day. We have also been thinking about Remembrance Day, and in particular honouring armed force members who died in the wars. We are asking for donations, please, via the Gateway. Each child has been given a poppy to wear in honour of Remembrance and we completed a two minute silence this morning. We look forward to seeing some of you at the Aldridge Remembrance parade on Sunday.

Some of our Mini Vinnies helped to transport all of the tins and packets of Harvest food donations to the food bank on Wednesday this week. Thank you again for your generosity! The staff at Thomas Project were very grateful and complimentary of how the children conducted themselves. The total weight of the donations was 144.80kg, which equates to almost 300 meals! Thank you to everyone involved; this food makes such a difference.

We are also grateful for the contributions raised during our Family Fast Day and Harvest week - the money raised will go to help our global family through 'Mission Together', a charity that helps children around the world have things that others may take for granted: food, books and a warm bed. £239.30 in total - thank you!

### Christmas Event Information:

Please see the planned events below which the children will soon be busy preparing for. You are welcome to join us for these events. (Tickets for the Nativity will be sent out nearer the time.)

- Musicians' concert - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm
- EYFS Nativity song will be filmed
- Y1/Y2 Nativity - 9:30am and 2:15pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - children's Christmas party lunch and Christmas craft day (children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2pm - KS2 Carol concert in Church
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 9am - Mass in school

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Kindest regards, Mrs Hill



Some of our Mini Vinnies organising the Harvest donations at the food bank.

### Award Winners

During our Peer Mentor led assembly this morning, children have been congratulated for developing their independence and resilience and for beautiful behaviour! Your teachers are so proud of you - well done!

We are also excited about our new class award which was presented for the first time this morning - the Lunchtime Award. Our lunchtime supervisors are looking for children who are using beautiful manners at lunchtime and playing imaginative games, being friendly and accommodating to others. Y2 - you are our first winners!

Our Dojo point winners for autumn term one had a great time during our afternoon tea treat yesterday!

A huge well done to: Finley, Macie, Reuben, Alliana, Isaac, Ava, Lilianna, George, Zara, Joseph, Emilio, Charlotte, Lavanya and Ceeiae.

### Open Day

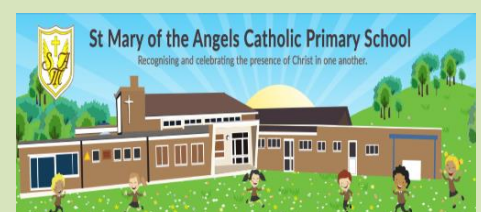
We are holding open days for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

You are welcome to join us to find out more about the school on:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 and Reception class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





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## Notices

- Our PTA has some exciting news to share regarding the Christmas Fayre. This is being planned for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December after school from 3:30pm. It should be a fantastic event. In order for it to go ahead, we are hopeful for your help and support with various items over the next few weeks as follows.  
**These will all be non-uniform days for the children.**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Elfridges donations (gift sets, toiletries, stocking fillers, games, socks, sweets, etc.)
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Rainbow Christmas hampers (chocolate, Christmas themed items, drinks, family time items, pamper items, Christmas Eve treats, etc.), Each class has a different colour:
  - ✚ Nursery/Reception - blue/green
  - ✚ Y1/Y2 -purple / pink
  - ✚ Y3 / Y4 - red / brown
  - ✚ Y5 / Y6 - gold / whiteThere will also be a disco for the children on this date at a cost of £3.50 per child, payable on the School Gateway please.  
YR, Y1 and Y2 disco is 2:15-3pm and KS2 is 3:15-4:15pm.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Y1-6: bottles for the bottle tombola and EYFS - chocolate donations please
- Also, if you are having a wardrobe clear out, please could you send in any **Christmas jumpers** that you no longer want - any ages or sizes. Often, these items are only worn a handful of times. They will be set up at the Christmas fayre for you to purchase at an excellent rate - please see the poster.
- We understand that this is an expensive time of year. We are grateful for any donations that you are able to make.

## Events

You are welcome to join us for the Aldridge Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at 10:15am at the Aldridge Community Centre. We are sure this will be a lovely occasion.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-bullying day: children can wear odd socks.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 at Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Rockstar day for Y1-6: children can dress as a rockstar and will enjoy a maths filled day. Please see separate letter about the day and an exciting competition.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Professor McGinty, time travelling detective, visiting Y3,4, 6.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccinations given in school (see previously sent information)

See notices section for key PTA non-uniform days and events.

## Reflection and Prayer

The month of November is dedicated to praying for those who have died.

During this time of sacred remembrance  
We bring before God the names of all our loved ones.

We remember all those who shared their life  
and love with us and we pray that they are  
eternally blessed in the peace of Christ.

As we share our hope to be reunited with them,  
we pray that we may die to our selfish ways  
and give our all that your name will be glorified.

Glory be, as Autumn teaches, to the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

Amen.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their rest in peace.  
Amen.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher