



# St Mary's News 2021 November Issue 2

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

Dear Parents,

**Remembrance Day**- this was very well respected by all children, and the behaviour in KS2 was outstanding in the school playground. Well done children. In KS1 where behaviour went awry, some children were given a second chance to show their respect- they did so beautifully. Well done to them, also.

**Remembrance Parade**- You will have received a letter regarding the Remembrance Day Parade ( attached again for your convenience) We look forward to seeing some of you, there.

**Congratulations to St Francis House**- They were the overall winners of the Dojo points, last half term (saints stars). Tomorrow, they can wear something in green with their usual uniform- socks, a tie, a jumper, a skirt, a scarf, a hairband. We look forward to seeing their creativity. They should be very proud of their house.

**Congratulations to all of KS2, also.** They managed to raise £100+ for CAFOD, from the nearly new book sale. They have earned 5 minutes extra play tomorrow. Thanks, particularly to Ayana, Charlie and Mrs Hayes.

**National Anti Bullying Awareness Day**- On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, St Mary of the Angels will be joining in with the national Anti Bullying Awareness Day, by inviting children and staff to wear odd socks. The idea is to raise awareness of how odd and different we can feel, even when there is just a hint of unkindness, We aim to eradicate these tendencies in our children, together. Please use this link to see some well-known celebrities sharing their bullying stories.

[storieshttps://back2school.antibullyingpro.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI9bOF3b2Q9AIVx4BQBh2b5wPIEAAAYASABEgLSivD\\_BwE](https://back2school.antibullyingpro.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI9bOF3b2Q9AIVx4BQBh2b5wPIEAAAYASABEgLSivD_BwE)

## This week and Reminders:

**Parking**- Thank you to Mrs Nicholls, who made a very helpful suggestion, with regard to the church car park. Her suggestion is: *Please can we create a voluntary one-way system, with the entrance nearest to school being the "in" entrance and the entrance furthest away from school being the "leave" exit?* My reaction is that between responsible adults, this seems like a really good plan. Perhaps, in a week's time, you could let me know how it is going? I cannot enforce it, but I fully endorse it as sensible and safe. Please can I also remind parents of little children to ensure that children are not roaming freely around car parks. Thank you.

**Poppy Appeal** – We raised a staggering £106. That is lovely and will be forwarded to the British Legion soon. Thank you everyone.

**Harvest Donations.** Our 68 donators, representing over half of our KS2 families, will all receive their *1kg bag of Rice* as a thanks for their donations, to support a child in the third world. The remaining 22 bags will be sent to our local food bank. Well done children & thanks parents- the total amount raised was £288.

**Homework Club** -Donations are currently at £68- thank you to children accessing this club.

**School Fund** has amassed £738 since September. Thank you.

## Upcoming events:

### **Y4 History Gladiator Visit - Monday**

**15/11/21**- We look forward to a good time for Y4.

### **Y1-Y6 First Aid workshops in school-**

**16/11/21 and 18/11/21**- this was a response to pupil voice and pupil wellbeing from Mrs Hayes

### **Friday 19/11/21- Nearly new PE Kit**

**donations** brought in to school. Please see the attached letter from the PTA/Mrs Hayes.

### **Parents consultations for N-Y3, Y5-Y6.**

will be throughout the day, **on Friday 26/11/21**. These can be booked via eSchools. Just log on through the school website.

**Y4 Parents Consultations** will be on the following Friday **3/12/21**, as shared, this week. Please see attached.

**Y6 Mass of Commitment.** Unfortunately, this can no longer take place in the main parish mass, due to Covid heightened restrictions, across Walsall. It will instead, be on Thursday 25/11/21, at 1.30pm in church. A letter will follow.

**All children being presented for Confirmation will need one parent or grandparent present at that Mass.**



**We remember and give thanks**