



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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What's coming soon

Tues 17th Sept

Class Presentations @ 3.15pm

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Parent Forum Presentations @4.20pm

Fri 4th Oct

Whole School Harvest Mass – time TBC



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems hard to believe that this is the end of our first full week and that we are only one and a half weeks into the term. The children are settled and there is an atmosphere of direction and focus from both the children and staff. This is something we should all be proud of.

The focus of our whole school worship this week was working together and at the end, I invited each class to elect representatives to be in our school council. The story used to introduce this was Click, Clack, Moo by Doreen Cronin.

Our Gospel Assembly explored the parable of the lost sheep. The children were asked to reflect on how precious we are to God. From my perspective, a second lesson is the importance of seeing ourselves as part of the school community and never giving up on each other.

Our start of year mass with Father Millett today was a real delight and I was heartened by his challenge to us all to approach this year with determination, togetherness and most importantly to show love and kindness to each other.

Looking to the week ahead, I look forward to meeting you next Tuesday at the Parent Forum. At this meeting, I will be sharing the values the staff have agreed should be the foundation of our school this year.

Lastly, I would also like to invite all children to bring one small candle to school on Monday. I will be using this to support the work I will be doing in school worship. These candles can be any shape. It would be nice if they were not just normal tea lights, but if this is all you have, they would be perfect.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

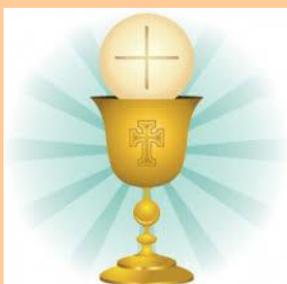
Paul Bacon

Lunch Time Arrangements

We have introduced a new lunchtime routine where the children are served differently. Each table now has to demonstrate how well they can sit before they are invited up to get their lunch. This is designed to give the children the opportunity to take greater responsibility for their behaviour and actions. It also speeds up the service overall.

Holy Communion

All children who are in year 3, are invited to write a short letter to Canon Millet, (countersigned by a parent) to enrol in the First Holy Communion Programme starting in the new school year. Letters should be handed to Canon Millet after Mass on a Sunday.



Medicine Policy

Please be aware that if your child requires medication of any kind during school hours, you will need to complete the form held in the school office giving all details and hand medication to the office staff. Inhalers will continue to be kept in the classrooms.

Sheldon School

Sheldon School are holding a Prospective Parent's Evening on Thursday 26th September 2019 at 6.00pm.

Open week tours from Monday 23rd September – please contact the school for more details.

Admission Deadlines

YR6 parents please be aware that the deadline for **Secondary School places** for next year is -
Midnight 31st October 2019

Any rising 4 year olds please be aware that the deadline for a **Primary School place** is -
Midnight 15th January 2020.

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Young Voices Concert

It is fabulous to see so many of you have signed up to participate in this year's Young Voices Concert, being held in Birmingham Genting Arena on Tuesday 21st January 2020. Parents do have the opportunity to go along and watch the performance if you wish. Tickets will be purchased as a block by the school on Friday 20th September. As they sell out fast for this event, we do need to act quickly. If your child is part of the Young Voices Choir, and would like to come along to the event, you will find a payment item on you Parent Pay account for your spectator tickets. Please note that once the tickets have been purchased by the school as a block we will be unlikely to get any more. Any questions please ask the school office.



Saint Gregory's School

Open Evening

Wednesday 18th September 6.00-8.00pm

Open Mornings

Tuesday 24th September 9.15 – 10.45am

Friday 4th October 9.15 – 10.45am

Emergency Contacts

Thank you for all the completed Emergency Contact & Permission Forms that have been returned. If you have not yet done so please return them to the office ASAP.

PTA News

Welcome back everyone; we hope you have all had a wonderful summer! The PTA have been working over the holidays continuing our pledge to improve the playgrounds. A big thanks to the Gatland family for making the fabulous bus in the KS1 playground and The Carpet Barn for generously donating some lino flooring which we have laid in the story shed.

A huge well done and thank you to Chris Dallimore for running the Chippenham half marathon last Sunday to raise funds for the PTA. Chris raised an amazing £450!

The PTA met this week and have agreed on events and dates for the rest of the year!

Friday 8th October - Quiz night

Thursday 21st November - School Disco

Saturday 30th November - Christmas fair

Watch this space for more details.

We have also been fortunate to have received some donations from parents employers who offer Match funding schemes if they have assisted or raised money towards any of our PTA events. If this is something your employer can offer and you would like get involved, please let us know!

The PTA would like to thank you again for your continued support.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Wrens:	Martha G-S	For doing so well with her initial sounds
Robins:	Dollie G	For aspiring to be a very good role model to others in Robins Class. Well done!
Owls:	Polly S	For aspiring to be brave like Astrid
Woodpeckers:	Elizabeth H	For trying her best in everything
Kingfishers:	Meg C	For great determination when facing new challenges in KS2
Ospreys:	Olivia W	For aspiring to look deeper at a text in Guiding Reading
Eagles:	Niamh O'H	For aspiring to meet Yr5 standards
Falcons:	Ben W	For a determined and passionate start in reading and writing