



# NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## What's coming soon .....

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Whole School Harvest Mass @ 10.30am
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographs
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Falcons Class Assembly



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who joined us on Tuesday for our classroom welcome meetings and vision presentation. I appreciate that this may not have been the best timing for everyone but we felt it was important to make contact with you all as early in the term as possible. For the benefit of parents unable to join us, there will be a repeat presentation next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

This meeting will only be used to share the values we will promote this year and also to overview the focus of our two school improvement days at the start of this term.

Looking to the future, it is my intention to schedule regular parent / Parent Forum meetings so that we can personally keep you informed about the work of the school and IEB. Mrs Smith and I are currently reviewing the school's Post Ofsted Action Plan (PIAP) and drafting an update of the school's Self Evaluation (SEF). Once finished this will naturally provide us with the focus of our next parent meeting. Details will follow shortly.

Once our new website is live, this information will also be published there.

This week's gospel assembly focused on the theme of stewardship, and will be developed further by Canon Millett in church this Sunday. The main message was to challenge ourselves to serve and live our lives through the teaching of Jesus. Mrs McDonagh also linked the gospel story to our responsibility to look after God's creation and the environment.

Finally, I would like to welcome the following children, as School Council members, to the school's leadership team

- Yr1 - Florence D & Matthew W-C
- Yr2 - Zofia D & Alexander G,
- Yr3 - Rebecca W-C, Senam A & Eli McC
- Yr4 - Adrianna M & Sharv S,
- Yr5 - Ben R & Noah McC
- Yr6 - Thomas B & Jasmine U.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Paul Bacon

### Holy Communion

Thank you to all those children who sent letters in to Canon Millett wanting to join this year's First Holy Communion programme. The first meeting for parents and children is on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm in church. Canon Millett will talk to the parents while the children will meet their Catechist to start the programme. This meeting will end in time for 6.30pm mass.



### Lost Phone

A parent has lost a Black Hauwei Phone last Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept and wondered if anyone had seen it in and around the school grounds? If so, please speak to the school office.

Thank you

### Sheldon School

Sheldon School are holding a Prospective Parents Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6.00pm.

Open week tours from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

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

**Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)**



Do you have any spare time in your week that you could offer to come in to listen children reading? If so, we would love to hear from you.

If you have not already had a DBS check done, they are very easy to do, you will just need to speak to the school office.

### Saint Gregory's School

#### **Open Mornings**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 9.15 – 10.45am

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.15 – 10.45am

### Harvest Mass

All donations for our Harvest Mass on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October can be brought to the school reception from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please be generous where you can – all items collected will be donated to the local charities Doorway & the Food Bank.

## PTA News

Some of you may have noticed the slight error on the PTA news from last week – the next PTA Quiz night will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Letters and entry forms will go out in the next couple of days. The last quiz night was a huge success and we are hoping to see more of you at this one, so please do come along and join us.

Thanks to all the children who have already started filling the bottles in their classrooms with their coins – remember we are collecting until half term and the winning class will get a treat of their choice (on agreement with their teacher of course!)

As ever, we are always looking for new volunteers to join us on the PTA, so if you would like to help at one of our events or volunteer your time elsewhere please get in touch with any of the PTA or come along to our monthly meeting, which take place the first Wednesday of every month at 7.00p.m. in the school library.

Thank you all for your continued support  
Your PTA

## Future Events

- Friday 18th October - Quiz night
- Thursday 21st November - School Disco
- Saturday 30th November - Christmas fair

Watch this space for more details.

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK

<b>Wrens:</b>	Albert B	For being so confident in handling numbers
<b>Robins:</b>	Anna S	For trying hard in her phonics learning
<b>Owls:</b>	Janet V	For deepening her learning by using manipulatives in Maths
<b>Woodpeckers:</b>	Cormac T	For his positive, resilient approach to his learning
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Job T	For aspiring to be an amazing learning partner
<b>Ospreys:</b>	Eden H	For determination to solve problems independently in Maths
<b>Eagles:</b>	Ramano P	For trying very hard in everything
<b>Falcons:</b>	Selassi A	For his commitment to reading