



# 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 @ 10.45am
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographs
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Falcons Class Assembly
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Travelling Book Fair at school



Dear Parents and Carers,

### School Improvement Updates

Thank you to all parents who were able to join us last night for the parent meeting. As outlined at this meeting I am planning to hold other similar events over the year. These will keep you updated on things happening in the school and the progress we are making in meeting our Ofsted challenges.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and I will overview our progress to date, and areas of focus this year. As requested, I will hold two meetings, one straight after school at 3.15-3.45pm and the other at 6.30-7.00pm. I hope that this will enable us to accommodate your work patterns.

At last night's meeting, there was also a question about how parents can share their news about school improvement. It is my plan to have a parent questionnaire about the start of the year at our parent/teacher/pupil meetings in October. Parents are also directed to the Ofsted parent view new site - <https://mobile.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### Living our School Values

I would like to congratulate and thank the children in Falcon's Class for being superb school ambassadors when they had a supply teacher on Monday. In her feedback to Mrs McDonagh she said "They are probably the best Year 6 class I have taught. Excellent behaviour and manners."

### Bishop Declan's Visit and Harvest Mass

We are really looking forward to welcoming Bishop Declan to our school next Friday. As outlined in last week's newsletter we will have a later mass (**10.45am**) which will be led by Bishop Declan and Father Millet. Bishop Declan will be joined by Colleen Collett, the Education Director of Clifton Diocese, who are both are looking forward to meeting the staff and the children.

### Harvest, CAFOD Mufti Day and Fasting Friday

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are inviting children to bring in donations for Chippenham Food Bank and Doorway charity. It would be brilliant to have these by next Thursday so they can be set up as part of our Harvest Mass.

We will be also holding a Mufti Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to raise funds for CAFOD. Children are invited to donate £1 to support this event.

Finally, we would like to invite all children to join staff in marking Fasting Friday by possibly doing without a treat, snack or part of their lunch on Friday. In doing this, we are asking children to think about those that have less than us.

### Car Park Safety

I really don't want this to become a "regular moan" but could all car drivers please respect our yellow hatched area as a NO PARKING or dropping off zone. I have had several comments about this and I am concerned about pedestrian safety. We can only achieve this if everyone respects this request, no matter much of a rush we might be in. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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 this 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.



Thanks PTA we love the space hoppers & other play equipment!



### Dorset & Wilts Fire Safety Talks

This week our Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 Classes had a visit from Dorset & Wilts fire rescue. The children were given age appropriate talks about all aspects of fire safety including:

- The role of the emergency fire service, making a 999 call.
- Stop, drop and roll if clothing catches fire
- escape plans if there were fires in the home
- fire safety - adult use of matches, candles and lighters.



## PTA News

### **Rags2Riches- Monday 30th September-Wednesday 2nd October**

Our Rags2Riches clothing collection is booked for next week. Each child should have brought home a collection bag already. Please could filled bags be returned to school from Monday 30th September through to 3.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd October. All bags should contain the label that was initially attached to it, without it the company won't necessarily identify where it was collected from and the school won't benefit. All donations should be brought to the school reception area please. A number of people have already asked for extra bags and there is still time to collect extras from the office. Let's hope this collection is a real success. A huge thank you to all those supporting this event.

### **Quiz Night- Friday 18th October**

So...who's coming to Quiz Night?! You should have received your letter with the necessary reply slip to obtain tickets last week. The maximum team size is 6 and participants don't have to have children at school so it's open to wider family and friends as well. It's a BYO event and food is included in the price. Last time around it was a real success. It's a light hearted evening of fun, designed to bring the school community together and raise funds at the same time. You don't have to be a quizzier, its all about the taking part! So if you're tempted, go for it. We really look forward to seeing lots of you there. #teamstmarys

### **ALDI Sports Stickers**

Our school poster is slowly filling up with the Team GB stickers. If you shop in Aldi or know people who do please collect the stickers and take them into the office. If completed by the November closing date the school will be able to claim a sports kit and enter into a prize draw for the chance to win £20,000

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October, 7 pm in the school library, if anyone fancies coming along and joining us. Everyone is welcome.

To keep up to date be sure to like us on Facebook; St. Mary's Chippenham PTA or follow us on instagram @st.maryschippenhampta

With Thanks, The PTA

Upcoming events

- Friday 18th October- Quiz Night
- Thursday 21st November- Winter Wonderland Discos
- Saturday 30th November- The St. Mary's Christmas Fair

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK

<b>Wrens:</b>	Zola M	For amazing writing!
<b>Robins:</b>	Logan B	For settling in well and for having a positive attitude to his learning
<b>Owls:</b>	Liam S	For making a huge effort in his writing
<b>Woodpeckers:</b>	Zofia D	For being a super role model in all she does
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Amelia D	For her positive and inspirational attitude
<b>Ospreys:</b>	Sharv S	For his determination to answer and explain using full sentences
<b>Eagles:</b>	Romeo C	For fantastic maths thinking
<b>Falcons:</b>	Finty G	For an exceptionally high standard of homework