

**We love**

**Our Mission Statement**  
 With Jesus as our guide we promise  
 To care for one another,  
 To work hard,  
 To build a community in Christ's love.

**We learn**

**We play**



**NEWSLETTER 25th October 2019**

**ADVENT 2 (AUTUMN) TERM**

Dear Families/ Carers,

Wonderful to see everyone after the half term holiday, we hope you enjoyed the week. The children have enjoyed their first week back and look so smart in their Winter Uniforms. As part of our Curriculum intent we aim to enrich the children's learning with first hand experiences. Year 4 travelled to the Battle of Bosworth centre as part of their history topic. There are wonderful photographs on their class page of the website – please have a look. The children and staff were wowed with a Fizz Pop science Assembly on Thursday. They received a letter about a science club starting from Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November after school. We hope the children can join us for film night today: The latest Aladdin film will be shown and tickets at £2.50 can be purchased from the school office. Collection time is 5.15p.m.



We look forward to continuing our exciting learning next week as we move into November. Year 5 and 6 will be having an exciting overnight residential trip to London and Parliament on Monday and Tuesday next week. Year One will also be visiting Manor Farm on Monday too. November is the month where we remember our friends and family who have died. A letter will be sent home, for you to write down names of people you would like us to pray for in our Liturgies in November. We also invite you to celebrate mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of November for All Saints – a day of Obligation and to share our Remembrance Liturgy on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. As there is a mass on Friday- next week's Achievement Assembly will be on Thursday.

**The book fair**

**From Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 31st at St Mary's School in the KS1 area.**

You are warmly invited to browse the books and items at the scholastic book fair before the start of the school day and at the end of the school day. There are a fantastic range of books, including the most recent editions from popular children's authors. The books are very reasonably priced.

### **Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip to London; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Many thanks to the families who attended the meeting about the trip and to Mrs Abell for her very detailed organising of the schedule. The children will need to be in school by 6.50a.m on Monday- entering through the front entrance and gathering in the school hall. There will be updates about the school trip on the school app and school website, particularly on the home page where there is the Twitter feed. You do not have to be signed up to Twitter to access this. The children will return by 6.30p.m on Tuesday. If they are delayed you will be alerted on the school app. We are incredibly grateful for the donations and support for the fundraising that has enabled this amazing trip to go ahead. Mrs Davis, Mrs Abell, Mrs Hill, Mr Mount and two of the school Governors will be accompanying the children and we thank them for the time they have volunteered.

### **Parent Governor Representative**

Any applications to be a parent Governor must be returned to the school office by 12p.m on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. If there is only 1 application, there will not be a need for a ballot. Thank you for your interest in this. Application packs can be collected from the school office.

### **Clubs**

Before and After school clubs are continuing this half term. There are spaces in the activities, cricket, wake and shake and lego club. Please let the school office know, if you would like your child to attend. Maria Verentina runs the choir club on Wednesday lunchtimes. Please let Miss Jordan or the school office know, if you would like your child to attend. If a club has to be cancelled, you will be notified on the phone app: so please ensure your notifications are on and that the school has your latest contact details.

### **St Mary's School Open Morning 6<sup>th</sup> November: 9.30a.m – 12p.m: tours of the school for parents looking at places in the Foundation Class for September 2020. Please do let other parents know.**

### **Menphys Concert: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2019**

We need any reply slips given to children in Year's 4, 5 and 6 to be returned by the end of next week, so we know which 18 children are attending. Tickets are on sale at De Montford Hall. All are welcome to attend, even if your child is not singing. The school is providing a coach to attend the evening concert on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. Please let the school office know if you are interested.

Scholarships and Bursaries available at Ratcliffe College for parents thinking about Secondary school places. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 10a.m Mr Reddin the school's headmaster invites parents for refreshments and cake. You can also have a tour of the grounds.

### **Flu immunisation**

The nursing team will be at St Mary's School on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November to deliver the immunisations. Please ensure that you have applied online, using the school code as sent on the letter, if you wish your child to have this free immunisation. Many thanks if you have already done so.

### **Children's Absence from school due to sickness**

A reminder that you **must ring in each day your child is absent from school** due to sickness, in the morning. It saves our office staff time, in having to follow up with phone calls and ensures we do not put it as an unauthorised absence. Holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Any child's attendance that falls below 95% at any point of the year, will be followed up by the school's welfare and attendance officer Mrs Rene and Miss Jordan. When you call the school office, there is the facility to report an absence. Thank you.



**Uniform:**

Thank you for your support on our school uniform policy and for wearing the Winter Uniform.

All children need to be in the winter Uniform now to the Easter holidays, unless they have a medical requirement not to wear it and this has been discussed with the staff. Please do talk Miss Jordan or the office staff for further clarification if needed.

**PE Kits/ PE lessons**

Children must have PE kits to be able to participate in PE lessons. If they do not have their kit and we cannot contact anyone to bring it in, children will have to join another class for that lesson. Children must have written permission from a parent stating that they cannot take part in a PE lesson. If a child misses a sequence of PE lessons, unless they are unable to take part due to an operation or accident, a meeting will be requested with parents.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**



**Invitation to school Liturgies/ assemblies:** Families are very welcome to attend school assemblies/ Liturgies as follows:

Tuesdays 9a.m Prayer and liturgy led by the Headteacher or classes.

Fridays 9a.m Achievement assembly ( No achievement assembly on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October due to the Staff training day.)

**Tuesday 29th of November: Liturgy led by Year 4- all welcome**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Liturgy led by Year 1 and Year 5**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November:** Children are attending the All Saints mass at St Mary’s church at 9.15a.m. Year 5 leading.

**Sacramental Preparation for reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Preparation for these two sacraments are led by the Parish/ St Mary’s church.** Mrs Hunt and Mrs Murphy are the catechists. Please see the church newsletter, for when the classes and meetings for parents will begin or speak to Fr Paul. Forms/ letters need to be collected and returned to the church.



**ST MARY’S FRIENDS: FOSM: WE WOULD LIKE YOUR IDEAS! All parents are welcome to join!**

We’ve been blessed with all the hard work and fundraising the parents do on the Friends of St Mary’s. We need more outside equipment for all the children to enjoy. We have about 5-6 parents who work so hard on the Friends of St Mary’s to benefit all the children at school, it would be great if this could be shared out more, as we are a school with 206 children in it.

**FOSM EVENTS**

**Harvest Festival; Thank you for the boxes and for all the help.**

**15th November :** School Disco

**3rd December:** 3.15p.m- 5p.m Christmas Fair

### Administering Medication in school



If your child needs to have medicine administered by school staff during the school day, the medication request form must be completed first. These are available from the school office. [We can only administer medicine, if it is prescribed by the health professional and it is accompanied by the professional note or this is clearly stated on the medicine.](#) For the safety of all children please do not send the medicine in with the child. It must be given to the school office with the medication, where it will be locked in our first aid cupboard in the first aid room. Thank you for your support.

### Dates for Your Diary

At St Mary's we are always trying to improve our communication with you. Families requested last term, that they would like more advance notice of events, which we will endeavour to do. With the term dates, as an Academy we have kept to the Leicestershire term dates for 2019-20, after consultation with parents last year. 2020-21 dates are on the website and we will also be placing the 2021- 22 dates shortly.

28 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2/ Y1 trip to Manor Farm
29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 and Y6 overnight trip to London and Parliament.
31 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30 - 12p.m: Parent's meeting to find out about the Route to Resilience programme in the school hall.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Mass in church; All Saints 9.15a.m
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y4 visit to Bosworth Battlefield
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parliament week in school
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y2 Trip to Donnington Le Heath
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisations in school
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Youth fun day: Non-uniform day £1 donation
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.15a.m: School at the pantomime in Loughborough Town Hall 3.15p.m: FOSM Christmas Fair school hall
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30a.m: EYFS nativity performance to parents
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the children Christmas jumper day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ks1 Nativity Performance 2p.m
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ks1 Nativity Performance 9.30a.m
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6p.m at St Mary's church: KS2 Carols by candlelight
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term School finishes at 1.30p.m
Christmas Holidays 2 weeks	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec - Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January: Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Inset day: staff training School Reopens Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020

Thank you in advance for working with us to ensure the best for your child. I'd like to set up a regular parent's forum this year, so please do let me know when you think would be a good time to run this and if you would like to be involved with setting up our policies and the school curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

Miss P Jordan    Headteacher