

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

We pray



NEWSLETTER 1st November 2019

ADVENT 2 (AUTUMN) TERM

Dear Families/ Carers,

It has been another great week, as we have moved into November. Thank you for supporting the Year 5 and 6 overnight trip to London on Monday and Tuesday. They had an excellent time, visiting the science museum, sites and landmarks, the Art Gallery and meeting Nicky Morgan in Parliament. Have a look at the photographs on the school's Twitter Feed. The children will be using their learning, as we celebrate Parliament week from the 4th of November in school. Our new school council team will be introduced, this week and will be leading us in activities.



Year Two also had a very active and fun day at Manor Farm for their Forest School. The school welcomed other staff members from schools in Loughborough on Thursday morning, as part of the DFE and NHS Route to resilience programme. Training was held on how to engage parents with the programme. From this, staff will be planning events for parents to introduce you to the programme and how we are engaging all the staff and children on it. We are very appreciative of parents who have said they would like to know more about it and be involved.

We look forward to celebrating All Saint's mass today, with Year 5 leading in the mass. Thank you to families who have returned the November remembrance letters. Names of friends and families will be remembered in all our Liturgies through November.

The book fair

£481.21 was made in total sales. This means that we earn 60% back in rewards (to spend on Scholastic published books) which comes to a total of £208.15. Thank you very much for your support as always.

Parent Pay

For the beginning of the Spring Term, beginning on January 6th 2020, the school will be aiming to be Cashless using Parent Pay. There is a video clip about it on the home page of the Website. Further information will be sent out, during this term.

St Mary's School Open Morning 6th 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.

Parent Governor Representative

Many thanks to the two parents for their nominations for Parent Representative Governor. A letter was sent home on Thursday, explaining the voting procedure. Each parent will need to vote. Ballot papers can be returned directly to the school office or via your child to their class teacher by Friday 8th of November 3.15p.m. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Payments for dinner money and clubs: week beginning 4th November 2019

Mrs Cavanagh will not be in the school office on Monday 4th and Tuesday the 5th. Please can you place payment in an envelope with your child's name and what the payment is for. This needs to be placed in the box in the front reception or if through your child, their envelope handed into the office. There are envelopes in the box in the front entrance. Thank you.

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. The Fizz pop science club on Monday after school is now full.

Menphys Concert: Friday 6th of December 2019

We need any reply slips given to children in Year's 4, 5 and 6 to be returned by Monday 4th of November, 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 6th 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 8th 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 14th 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 12th October due to the Staff training day.)

Tuesday 5th November: Liturgy led by Year 1 and Year 5

Monday 11th November 2019: 11a.m: Remembrance Liturgy led by Year Three in the school hall.

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. FOSM EVENTS

November 7th at 3.15p.m: meeting for all parents who would like to help at FOSM events or would like to share ideas. Child care available.

15th November : School Disco: Tickets are available in the school office. £2.50.

5.45p.m- 6.45p.m: infants

7p.m-8p.m: juniors

Entrance through the parish Hall. Parent volunteers who can help out at one of the discos would be greatly appreciated. Please let the school office know.

Xmas for schools: Orders and pictures needed by Monday the 4th of November. Children need to design their picture on a A4 piece of paper. Make sure the colours are bold and bright and any items are glued on are secure. Cards, posters, calendars, mugs and Christmas gift labels can all be ordered. Wonderful for Christmas presents.

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

Forest School

The two groups of Forest school children enjoyed their sessions in the Greenbelt area in Loughborough on Wednesday. Our thanks to Hope, the Forest School leader for organising this. New groups of 8 children will be chosen for the Wednesday sessions and letters sent out on Monday. Thank you to parents for your support in sending children with the clothes for the sessions. As you can see below and on the Twitter feed, they had lots of



fun. As one of the morning group reported "This is the best day of my life.", we hope to give as many children as possible this experience.

Friday 8th of November: Years Four and Five will be having a special assembly in the morning and some sessions about money, related to spending and saving and money habits, from an organisation called MyBNk, starting that day. We look forward to welcoming Nicky Morgan to one of the lessons on the 8th of November.



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.

4 th Nov	Parliament week in school
8 th Nov	Y2 Trip to Donnington Le Heath
14 th Nov	Flu immunisations in school
22 nd Nov	Youth fun day: Non-uniform day £1 donation
3 rd December	10.15a.m: School at the pantomime in Loughborough Town Hall 3.15p.m: FOSM Christmas Fair school hall
11 th December	9.30a.m: EYFS nativity performance to parents
13 th December	Save the children Christmas jumper day
Monday 16 th Dec	Ks1 Nativity Performance 2p.m
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Ks1 Nativity Performance 9.30a.m
Thursday 19 th Dec	6p.m at St Mary's church: KS2 Carols by candlelight
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term School finishes at 1.30p.m
Christmas Holidays 2 weeks	Monday 23 rd Dec - Monday 6 th January: Mon 6 th Inset day: staff training School Reopens Tuesday 7 th 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