



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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What's coming soon

Wed 16 th -21 st Oct	Travelling Book Fair at school
Mon 21 st Oct	Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm
Tues 22 nd Oct	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Wed 23 rd Oct	Last day of Term 1
Mon 4 th Nov	First day of Term 2



Don't Forget!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems hard to believe that a whole term is almost behind us and that the autumn holiday is nearly here. I have really enjoyed my first term in St Mary's and am looking forward to starting Term 2 already. As with last week, it has been another active week. Again, where appropriate I have framed the things happening in the school around our school values.

Courage

Osprey's class brought this week's class assembly to us and displayed some brilliant examples of confident speaking. It was so nice to see a span of curriculum coverage that included English, Maths, History, Science, Art, RE and a close look at our school values. We were also really impressed to see how they used Makaton to support their communications.

Faith

It was lovely to see so many parents join the children in Eagles class for their class mass on Wednesday. This was led by Father Millet and reflected some of the work the children have been doing in RE linked to creation and the importance of looking after creation itself.

Out and About

As a close to their history study this term, Falcon's class visited Corsham Court and the town to see how it has changed over time. This trip also included walks through Corsham to see the Flemish Weavers cottages and a tour of the Alms Houses.

Developing Reading

Thank you to Mrs Smith for inviting the Travelling Book Fair to the school again. The books will be on sale in the school reception at 3.15-4.15pm today and on Monday. We would welcome any further customers to the Book Fair, as the school receives a percentage of all sales to buy new books for the library.

To further develop reading within the school, we would love to hear from any parents/grandparents willing to become Reading Buddies for children who find reading a challenge. Ideally, we would love it if this happens on daily basis, however, two or three times a week would be brilliant. The time we are thinking of for this would be from 8.30-8.45am each day. If this is something you would like to try for Term 2, please see either myself or Mrs Smith.

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We would also like to hear from a parent or a group of parents who could help us organise the school library and into the future just keep it tidy on a weekly basis.

Parent Pupil Teacher Meetings

I hope that you have already signed up for your appointment(s) to meet with your child's Teacher next week. The sign-up sheets will be in the reception until the end of the day today if you have not. These meetings are being held on Monday 21st October and Tuesday 22nd October after school.

The purpose of these meetings is to review how your child has settled in this term and to look at things that could help with their learning into Term 2.

Website

Our new website is now live and although some pages will still evolve with time, I hope that you like the new format and more importantly can find the information you need. There are some lovely photos of the children on there, so please take a look if you haven't done already.

I hope that you all have a good weekend and we look forward to welcoming you in school for a short week next week before we break for half term.

Paul Bacon

SEND Coffee Morning

Friday 8th November 9.00-10.00am

Mrs Warburton and Mrs Greaney would like to invite you to an informal event for parents who wish to network with others, discuss SEND related issues or simply require a little support.

This time, our discussion topic will be:

'Anxiety in Young People'

If you wish to attend, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in reception.

Lunch Time Fun!

The Kitchen staff are embracing the arrival of the Travelling Book Fair and have brought their love of books to the children with a fantastic daily display. Thank you so much ladies the children loved it.



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PTA News

Quiz Night Tonight!

Hope you have all been swotting up and are ready. There could be questions about anything from Boris to Bieber – who knows? It is set to be another good night for sure. See you at 7.00pm.

Christmas Design Project

You should have all received information about a Christmas Design Project we are running this year. You can use your child's design for cards, mugs, tags or wrapping paper. Orders are to be placed online and items will be sent to the school at the beginning of December. Deadline for the return of designs is 5th November please.

Christmas Eve Plates

This year's must have for that very special night of the year. If you haven't seen the letter about our lovely personalised Christmas Eve Plates, you can get an order form from the school reception. Pre-ordered plates only £8.00 each.

Winter Wonderland Disco – 21st November 2019

Letters will be sent out after half term for the disco tickets.

School Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto – Saturday 30th November 4.00-6.00pm

Visit Santa in his Grotto, choose a gift in the Elves Den, join in the fun at the games and crafts stands and partake in the festive food and drinks. There is something for everyone at the St Mary's Christmas Fair!

Thank you all for supporting our PTA events and for building this fabulous school community.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Wrens:	McBride N	For becoming more confident and sharing his ideas
Robins:	Gracie L	For super letter formation in her independent learning
Owls:	Max P	For bravely writing poetry!
Woodpeckers:	Charlie S	For excellent ideas and effort in his writing
Kingfishers:	Oisin M	For his fantastic explanations in Maths!
Ospreys:	Sophia F	For her great resilience and positive learning attitude every day
Eagles:	Gaby C	For using her initiative and thinking deeply
Falcons:	Eva A	For such a positive learning attitude

Head Teacher's Award

All the Kitchen Staff – For such wonderful book character displays this week

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