

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



NEWSLETTER 8th November 2019

ADVENT 2 (AUTUMN) TERM

Dear Families/ Carers,

There is definitely the Autumn chill in the air, so it is great to see all the children with their warm coats, hats and gloves, which we ensure they wear at playtime, many thanks for this. Please ensure all items are labelled. Thank you to the families who joined us for the celebration of All Saints mass on Friday the 1st of November. We were so proud of the children, because as many parishioners commented "The children were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour and participation in the mass".

The school has celebrated Parliament week in school this week. The children have been thinking about who they would vote for as the next Prime -minister. Congratulations to the children who were elected to the new School council. We look forward to seeing what they will achieve.

We were thrilled with the Year 4 powerful performance of the Battle of Bosworth and the Dance club performance on Wednesday the 6th of November, for the School's Open Morning. Thank you to the parents who advertised this for us.

In this poignant weekend of remembrance, we think of all those who sacrificed their lives for peace and give thanks. Well-done to the children from our school, who will be participating in Remembrance parades. We think of all who made sacrifices in wartime and our friends and families in our Remembrance Liturgy on Monday 11th of November at 11a.m. This special liturgy will begin with a 2- minute silence and will be led by our wonderful Year 4 class. We do hope you can join us. We are very appreciative of the children who take the poppy items around to sell each day and parental support for this.

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. Please do contact the school office, if you need the code or have been unable to apply online for help.

Anti- Bullying Week: 11th November to 15th of November

Next week- from Monday 11th of November we will be focusing on Anti-bullying week in school. This is an incredibly important event to highlight with the children, as questionnaires from children and parents in school show that bullying is a great concern for all. In response the school is working harder on our Anti bullying strategies.



Children have been given homework this week to discuss with you. We hope you can get involved. 'Change starts with me, us, them, & you, it's up to all of us to see it through.

We need to stop, think, rearrange,
it's up to us bring about change. #ChangeStartsWithUs' #AntiBullyingWeek [https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/change-starts-us-anti-bullying-week-report ...](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/change-starts-us-anti-bullying-week-report...)

Children in Need: 15th November 2019

Children will be allowed to wear Children in Need Merchandise with their school Uniform on Friday 15th of November.

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. Thank you so much for your support of putting payments of dinner, club and trip money in envelopes- it is appreciated as it gives the office time to sort the payments out.

Clubs

Before and After school clubs are continuing this half term. **Please note that due to it getting darker earlier, the outdoor clubs of football and multi-sports will now finish at 4.15p.m and not 4.30p.m.**

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

Eighteen children from St Mary's school will be singing at the Concert.

Tickets are £9.00 available to purchase from De Montfort Hall. Tel: 0016 233 3111 or email: dmh-tickets@leicester.gov.uk. Children who said they could participate from the choir have received an individual letter about it. There are plenty more tickets on sale and the charity needs lots of support, as their Government funding has been cut this year. The charity supports many children, including children at St Mary's School. So please do come along for a wonderful display of musical talents by the Catholic Schools in Leicestershire. A coach will be leaving from Regent's Street at 5.45p.m if you would like to join us.

Parent Representative Governor Election

Thank you to everyone for returning your ballot papers and of course to the two parents who put themselves forward for the role. The ballot is now closed for the counting on Monday.

Healthy Packed Lunches: Reminder: Treat day is only in Friday. The school food service works very hard to ensure the school dinners are nutritionally balanced, we ask that packed lunches reflect this too and include a balance with fruit, vegetables or yoghurt. It should not all be carbohydrates, or include large packet of crisps, chocolate bars and sweets, unless included as a treat on Fridays. Thank you to all parents who ensure this happens.

Admissions: Foundation Class 2020

If you require a place in the foundation Class for your child for September 2020 at St Mary's, please collect an admissions form from the school office and also apply online. Admissions details are on the website. This must be completed by January. More parents are looking around the school, next Wednesday at 9.30a.m. Please do join them, if you would like to know more about the Foundation Class for 2020.

We had an amazing Liturgy on using our gifts by year 6 and Year one on Tuesday the 5th of November. Thank you to everyone who attended.

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

22nd of November 2019: Own Clothes day: £1 for Christ the King Youth Fund Day.

24th November 11a.m: Feast of Christ the King and Youth day: The school will be participating in the 11a.m mass at St Mary's Church. We hope you can join us.

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. Thank you to all who attended.

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. Parking on the school playground.

Xmas for schools: Thank you to everyone who returned this.

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

Forest School: Two new groups of children enjoyed their first sessions last Wednesday. We are aiming for all children to participate in these sessions. Any donations of wellington boots or waterproof clothing would be appreciated.

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. They will have a further two sessions. Unfortunately, due to Nicky Morgan MP standing down as the Loughborough MP, she is unable to visit the school to observe the lessons, but we are very grateful for the time she spent with the children who were on the Parliament Trip.





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.

11 th -15 th November	Anti- bullying week in school
12 th November	Odd socks day for anti- bullying week.
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