

St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

A Community where we Live, Learn and Laugh Together in God's Love



Newsletter

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The Blessed
Peter Snow
Catholic Academy Trust

4th October 2021

Harvest Celebrations

Year 3 and 4 are celebrating Harvest with a Harvest Festival assembly on Wednesday 6th October.

We are asking for donations of tins, dried pasta, rice and household items to be in school before 6th October and to help us celebrate, we are asking children throughout school to wear an item of clothing in a particular colour on that day. The allocation of colours can be found below.

EYFS – Red (this can be a school jumper)

1/2JB and 1/2RD – Orange

2AM – Yellow

3JS – Green

3/4PS and 3/4GS – Blue

5JP and 5JM – Indigo (dark blue)

6HG and 6LP – Violet (purple)

Parents' Evening

Our first parents' evenings of the academic year are taking place on Monday 18th October and Wednesday 20th October in school. Appointments can be booked via our 'eduspot' system from 3.40pm to 6.00pm and the booking system is currently LIVE. Please book now to secure your appointment.

Training Day Reminder: Friday 22nd October

A reminder to parents that we will not be in school on Friday 22nd October as this is a training day for the teachers. Holiday dates are also on the school website.

Our Virtue Focus

GRATITUDE & THANKFULNESS

We will be focusing on the above virtues as part of our worship over the next 3 weeks in our classrooms and assemblies.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you for all the donations and contributions to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We made a grand total of £705.35

Thank you to all those that attended, contributed and the staff that ran the day.

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CANCER SUPPORT**

Swithens Farm Trip

Our Year 1's (last year's Reception classes) finally got the opportunity to visit the farm last week. They went to Swithens Farm where they had the opportunity to see lots of different farm animals. They were able to stroke the animals and feed them carrots. They went on a tractor ride and played in the play barn. They even bottle fed the calves! How wonderful. The staff also commented on their exemplar behaviour, a huge well done to some of our youngest children for representing our school so well.



PTFA Event: Whole School Film Night

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) are happy to announce their first event of the school year which will be a film night held on Friday 15th October from 3.30pm—5.30pm.

The cost of tickets are £4 per child and this includes refreshments.

If you wish for your child to attend, please pay via Eduspot before Thursday 14th October.



Timetable Rockstars

All children in KS2 have access to our fun timetable platform TTRS. This is a great resource which they can access at home to practise their timetables.

Year 2 children will be given their log in details after October half term so please look out for this.

If you cannot remember your child's log in please contact your child's class teacher.

Twitter

We have a Twitter account which we use to publish lots of photographs and news about our daily activities in school. If you would like to join this community you need to search for

@stmaryshalifax

Please note that we do not interact with re-tweets or comments and please be aware that in some circumstances your own account may be visible to others, unless you have applied security options.



First Mass in School

We had our first whole school mass last Wednesday which was held by Father Peter Neelson and Deacon John. It was such a lovely start to the school year and we look forward to being able to invite our families to the next one.

Our KS2 children will begin attending mass on a rota each Thursday. The children will walk to and from mass with adult supervision.



All Saints Catholic College Open Evening

All Saints Catholic College are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 7th October 2021.

The evening will run from 6pm until 8pm. This would be an excellent opportunity for our Year 5 and Year 6 children to see the school and get an idea of what it is like.

Term Dates for 2021 - 2022

Holiday	Close	Open
Autumn	-----	Wednesday 8th September 2021
Half Term	Thursday 21st October 2021	Monday 1st November 2021
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half Term	Friday 18th February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25th April 2022
May Day	Monday 2nd May 2022	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
Half Term	Friday 27th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
Summer	Friday 22nd July 2022	-----

Staff Training Days:

6th September 2021, 7th September 2021,
22nd October 2021, Monday 25th July 2022, Tuesday 26th July 2022