



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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HEAD'S NOTES

SOME DIARY DATES

22-11-18:
9 am Class 8
Mass.

24-11-18:
10.00am: Library
move

We need you!

Mid-Day
Supervisor
(MDSA) for
immediate Start

Please ask in
the office for
details

Dear Parents and Carers,

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It was sad this week, to inform parents that Miss Szerencses, Mrs Mallinson and Miss Jefferies will be leaving the school at the end of this term. While there are good reasons for these changes, it has been unsettling for the whole school community, especially for some children and I am very aware of concerns about further instability. I would like to assure you that we aim to recruit best teachers that we can for our school and as soon as this has happened, I will inform you. It has also been sad to see some children leaving our school over recent weeks and this has been hard for their friends still here at St Mary's. We wish them all the best at their new schools and hope that we can still maintain links with their families.

Yesterday, you all received a letter informing you of the appointment of an Interim Executive Board of Governors to the school, to help provide further stability and oversight to the leadership of the school. This is a small group of highly experienced Governors who bring focused skills to target this area of leadership. I would like to thank them for offering their expertise to the school as we move forward together. This will ensure that when Ofsted revisits, we will be able to demonstrate effective Governance of the school.

With this in mind, I will be holding a Parents' meeting in the hall on Monday 3rd of December from 6.00-7.00pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet our new Interim board. I will also share the Post Inspection Action Plan with you and outline progress made towards rapid and sustained improvement.

I would like to thank Class 7 for their beautiful class Mass on Wednesday and for leading us so movingly in prayer and music. Today, we also enjoyed a wonderful assembly about kindness, led by Class 3. What a wonderful example these children give us, as they share their ideas and learning with such assurance and simplicity. Thank you everyone!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Howie-Lee

KS2 BOOKCLUB

We are meeting in the library next Friday, 23rd November at 12 o'clock for half an hour and all KS2 Children are welcome. We are reading: Tom Gates : Dogzombies rules. Please come along if you would like to talk about this book or any other books. Any questions ask Előd in class 9. Thank you.

Head Bumps

From now on, if your child has a head bump during the school day, you will receive a phone call to inform you it has happened. We will seek your guidance regarding any further treatment.

New Library Project

You will remember that last year a team of parent volunteers worked hard with the school to renovate the old library space. The work that was completed in a short space of time made an immense difference and transformed the space that was previously the library.

Building on from the success of this initial phase, we are now excited to announce that the project will be expanding to move the whole library to an improved central location within the school. This will make the library truly a dedicated space where it can become a feature for all children to enjoy and to promote reading at the heart of the school life. Together with school management, we have several plans in place and the PTA, as well as money donated from the 100 Club at the end of last year will fund the project in part.

CAN YOU HELP? On Saturday 24th November at 10am, we will start moving the books from the existing library to the school building and are looking for volunteers to help. Even if you can only spare 1 hour it would be very much appreciated. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

Many Thanks
Library Project Team

Applications for September 2019

If you have a child that will be four years old before September 2019, please be aware that you will need to apply for their primary school place online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk . **The deadline for applications is Midnight 15 January 2019.**



AWARDS OF THE WEEK

- Nursery: John F for saying our "end of day prayer" so clearly and with expression. Well done John!
- Class 1: Caelan C for holding his balance brilliantly in PE this week.
- Class 2: Matthew W-C for his fantastic attitude to learning!
- Class 3: Everyone in Class 3 for their amazing assembly this morning all about kindness!
- Class 4: Felix R for producing fantastic writing and setting an excellent example.
- Class 5: Oisin M for super instruction writing.
- Class 6: Tiamo DCM for putting more effort into her learning this term.
- Class 7: Niamh O for putting her hand up lots in lessons and sharing ideas.
- Class 8: Carolina R for great resilience in maths, independently comparing fractions.
- Class 9: Mariana B for her positive attitude in all of her learning.
- Class 10: Cordelia T for effective and beautiful language used in her poetry.

Headteacher's Award:

Isabella, Cosmo, Harriet, Aaron and Jack, for showing the new Governors around our school, with great maturity and assurance.

PTA NEWS

Friday 30th November – Mufti Day

Non-uniform day in return for raffle hamper donations in your designated class colour – more details to follow.

Friday 7th December 5-7pm – Christmas Film Night

Come in your pyjamas and snuggle up for a pre-Christmas evening of festive film fun! Watch out for our e-mail vote on which Christmas film we will be showing with an option for Christmas storytime available for the younger children. Tickets will include hot dogs, popcorn and a gift from Santa himself!

Friday 14th December – National Christmas Jumper Day

Bring in £1 and wear your favourite festive knitwear or non-uniform outfit. Proceeds will be split equally between the PTA and Save the Children.

Christmas Prize Raffle

We will be holding a grand Christmas Raffle this year with a range of exciting prizes including colourful hampers collected by each class. Tickets will be sent home with each child in the coming weeks. If you or your employer perhaps would like to donate a raffle prize (in addition to class hamper donations), please contact the PTA or leave a message with the school office.

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 28th November @ 7pm

Contact us at any time – stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com