St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Serving with love, striving for excellence

Autumn Term Newsletter 1: 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Academic Year! It has been lovely to meet you all and your wonderful children. The children look smart, refreshed and ready to start their new year of school at St Mary's! **We especially welcome all of our new children who have joined us in Reception, in other year groups and of course our new members of staff. Welcome to the St Mary's family!**

The whole school staff community and the children have made me feel very welcome as their new headteacher. I am here to support and lead St Mary's to continue on its journey of constant improvement and development. We all need to work together as a Catholic School Family to achieve this and I am honoured to serve you all in this aim.

On Wednesday all the children in key stage 2 attended their first mass for the new academic year. The children sang beautifully, behaved impeccably and took full part in the mass. I would like to thank Fr Dennis and Fr Pascoal for co celebrating the mass and Mrs Dengate for arranging it.

The children look really smart in their new uniform. However, some uniform is already going missing. Can you please ensure that all uniform (inc coats) are labelled with your child's name. No children should play on the gym equipment outside after school during pick up and drop off. Thank you

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Katharine Sexton Interim Headteacher

Macmillan cakes

We will be holding a cake competition for Macmillan on Wed 25th September. The children will be asked to bring in their cakes on that morning for the judging. They will be then sold after school in the hall. All cake donations, not just competition ones will be gratefully received, please bring cakes in labelled containers– no nuts please.

Pope's Prayer

Pope Francis has dedicated September to the conservation of our Earth and preserving it as a gift from God. His special video can be found here :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yybxtLFNHCw

Its only 2 minutes long but is very powerful and worth a watch.

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

AMEN

Meet the Teacher

Next week is our "**meet the teacher week".** These are sessions that the teachers will lead in the hall from each year group on selected days to outline the topics being covered, homework arrangements and weekly routines.

These sessions will begin after school. Parents of children in Early Years/Reception class will have their session shortly. More details to follow.

The dates of the sessions are as follows:

- Monday 16th Sept Y1
- Tuesday 17th Sept Y2
- Wednesday 18th Sept Y3
- Thursday 19th Sept Y4
- Friday 20th Sept Y6
- Monday 23rd Sept Y5

International Day

We will be having an International day on **Thursday 26th September** to celebrate the richness of our multi cultural school community.

More details to follow

Celebrating our Achievements

House Points

This weeks winning house is **GREEN**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Blue	**Red**	**Yellow**	**Green**	**Orange**
359	383	317	**411**	376

Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
x	Miracle	Devananda	Lawrence	Chidinma	Kian	Kamsi
x	Jayme	Cassandra	Nedhya	Dexter	Tharniga	Emilin

Catholic Social Teaching Awards

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
x	Chiemerie	Atharva	Esther	Marianne	Regal	Gabriel
x	Savannah Rose	Harrison	Victoria	Luca	Vinie	Zachary

Our Catholic Life

Our new Catholic Social Teaching principle is **Dignity** .We believe that every human person is made in the likeness of God. Each one of us is unique and beautiful and we are called to treat each other with respect. The CST awards have been awarded to those children who try to live out this value in their school life

Mass and liturgy for next week:

Mass in the church Y5

class liturgy :Y1 Holly class

Pupil led liturgy Y4 Juniper class Thursday 19th Sept @9:15am, **parents are warmly invited**

Harvest Festival assembly with parents

9.15 Monday 14th October – Year 1, 2, 3

9.15 Tuesday 15th October – Year 4, 5,6

Coffee morning

On Thursday 26th September @ 9am we will be hosting a coffee morning in the school for all parents . Representatives from Medway Parents and Carers forum will be present. This is an independent parent led group of parents and carers of young people from 0-25 with all types of disabilities and support needs. The forum provides mutual support, sharing of knowledge and has the ability to influence policy and practice. Please do come along, grab a tea or coffee and have a chat if you think the Forum would be useful for you.

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