



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*"a place of educational excellence  
with Christ at its centre"*

Autumn Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

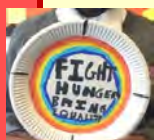
## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

Last Friday the children in Year 6 led the school mass exceptionally well. I am incredibly proud of how the older children supported the younger children in church through our mass buddy system. Fishermen Class are looking forward to leading the Harvest Service when we return after half term, please check you child's bag for a reading slip that they will need to read through at home. Carpenters class will lead the school in the Remembrance Mass on Friday 11th November and our Head boy and Head Girl will lead us in prayer before the 2 minute silence, it would be lovely to see parents in church for this occasion.

Phil Lines will be running a football camp on the Wednesday of the half term in school. Please book direct with Phil. After school clubs for the return are bookable via parent pay, please note that cooking club is now a separate booking due to its popularity.

Have a lovely half term,  
Laura Concannon



### Harvest Time

What a fantastic collection of harvest donations. The school collected tinned food for the Trussell Trust and the money raised will be donated to the CAFOD 'Step up to the plate' campaign. The Plates look fantastic! The children in Fishermen class will be leading a Harvest Service in School upon our return. The children in reception will bring up the produce offering as part of a lovely song we have been learning. We will of course finish the service with Laudato Si.

We will come together to thank God our Father for his wonderful gifts. In our harvest Service, we give thanks especially for his gifts of fruit, vegetables and field crops. As we rejoice in the abundance of God's harvest, we remember and pray for all those people in the world who are poor or starving. We pray that our world leaders may work together for an equal sharing of the world's resources among all nations.

The post box is in the school hall ready for Christmas Cards after the half term break! Please label each envelope with the child's name and class name.



### Christmas- Friends of St Marys

The friends of St Marys have been very busy planning two exciting events for Christmas time. I have attached the posters which detail how to book a santa visit and what we need support with. As well as these we will of course be producing an exciting KS1 Nativity play and a Carol Concert with readings for KS2 which will be performed in the Sacred Heart Church in ALW. Father Shyju is very excited to be welcoming families into the church.



We really need your support: Please email if you can help with either event. We are also looking for donations of:

- Filled fun Jars
- Bottles
- Cakes and Biscuits (Day before event)



## Value focus : Appreciation



### Month of November

In the Catholic church the month of November is a time when we remember those that have passed away. We take the time to visit their graves and say prayers. Each class will be visiting the church to pray for the dearly departed.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
rest in peace.*

Amen

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