



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Michaelmas Term 2

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely half term break. We began the week with a message from the Diocese on the importance of the celebration of All Saints and where the customs practiced on Halloween originate from. Our two 'Step up to the plate' design winners were awarded a pumpkin as a symbol of light overcoming darkness. Staff also attended Mass on Tuesday celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Fr. Shyju would love to welcome more of our families to Mass and will also be attending parents evening this term.

Fishermen Class led the school Harvest Service in school and read incredibly well. Thank you once again to Mrs Smith for leading us in our music for this occasion.

Parents evening slips went out this week and will be returned next week with the confirmed times. We have also received the Cauliflower Cards order and these will be distributed on Monday. Thank you everyone once again for your support.

Kind regards,
Laura Concannon

Important dates to note...

Dates for the Diary:

- Friday 4th November- Harvest Service in school 10:30am
- Monday 7th November- Book Looks for Parents-Postponed due to cases of Scarlet Fever
- Friday 11th November- Remembrance Mass (YR4 and 5)
- Friday 18th November- House Point Celebration Day
- Friday 25th November- Advent Service
- Tuesday 29th November- Belgrade Whole School Trip
- Friday 2nd December- Governors and Friends of St Marys ask that you save the date for an evening of Christmas Wreath making. Oxford Castle Trip- Carpenters Class
- Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December- Parents evening and book look.
- Thursday 8th December - Santa visit and Christmas Workshop fun!
- Friday 9th December- Christmas Cafe

GDPR update: The school passed its most recent inspection but was advised to remind parents to complete a data collection sheet and return to school if details need to be updated. I have also attached a 'withdrawal of consent form' to inform parents that they have the right to withdraw consent for the sharing and use of children's information at any time.



Please could you spread the word to your friends, family and work colleagues that we have places available in Reception next year (September 2023). Please encourage them to contact me for a tour!

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.



REMINDER

Christmas- Friends of St Marys

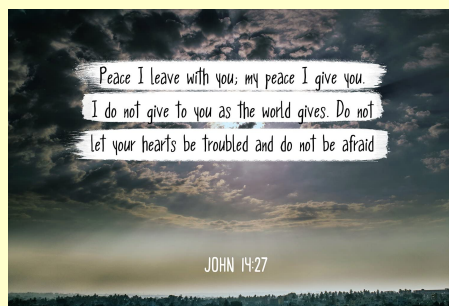
The friends of St Marys have been very busy planning two exciting events for Christmas time. I have attached the posters which detail how to book a santa visit and what we need support with. As well as these we will of course be producing an exciting KS1 Nativity play and a Carol Concert with readings 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 : Peace



A message from Fr. Shyju:

It would be a great pleasure to meet more members of the parish, either at Mass, or informally elsewhere. I would particularly welcome the opportunity to visit you and to bless your home: please let me know if you would like me to do this. Please do not hesitate to contact me - for whatever reason (see contact details below) - and I very much hope to meet you and/or to see more of you in the coming months and years.

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