



# 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,

The Forest school sessions in KS2 have begun and the children had a fantastic day making campfires and toasting marshmallows, please take a look at the gallery link.

After school clubs have begun and as we lead up to Christmas you can book the two sessions to make an advent calendar in Arts and Crafts and to make a Christmas Cake in Cooking club. Please see the attached leaflets for further details.

Our school reading club complete with SWAP BOX is up and running. We are looking for donations of KS2 chapter books. Please encourage your child to swap a book! The reading challenge tokens will be counted at the end of the month and the winning house will be treated to a trip to the cinema!

The Christmas performance dates are live on our website, the class teachers will be sending out letters detailing what the children will need to bring in. Rehearsals will begin next week including Choir practice.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Laura Concannon.

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- **Monday 6th November:** Road safety and Internet safety workshops. Heights and Weights check Years R and 6
- **Thursday 9th November:** Year 5/6 Hockey
- **Friday 10th November:** Remembrance Mass 10am in church/ Movies and munchies night 6-8pm
- **Wednesday 15th November:** Forest school in Shepherds class begins.
- **Thursday 23rd November:** Whole school Belgrade Theatre Trip for a Christmas Panto production of Cinderella
- **Friday 1st December:** Advent Service in school 10m.
- **Friday 8th December 6-8pm:** Snowman Beetle Drive Fundraiser
- **Monday 11th December:** Flu Sprays
- **Tuesday 12th December:** Choir signing in Banbury
- **Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December:** Parents evenings.
- **Monday 18th December:** KS2 Christmas Concert 1:30pm and 6pm
- **Tuesday 19th December:** KS1 Christmas Concert 1:30pm and 6pm
- **Wednesday 20th December:** 10am Mass and 2:15pm Carols round the crib.

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale



### Caritas

This Advent the School will once again be supporting the charity Caritas. I have attached details of what you can put in each bag or you can donate items so that bags can be made up later. If you would like to fill your own bag please let the office know and one will be sent home with your child. Please look at the attachment for details of what to include. Love Christmas is a national initiative, growing through a network of thousands of churches and other local organisations, connecting people of all faiths and none. This year, with the continuing cost of living crisis, and even more help being required in all areas of the diocese we are planning to support many more in-need individuals and groups including – families with children, the elderly, the lonely and isolated, young carers, children from broken homes, children in care, young people leaving the care system, children from families suffering domestic abuse etc.

We would like to invite our schools and parishes to join in this campaign of kindness and generosity by collecting donations of much needed gifts, to put smiles on the faces of young families, children and the elderly living in isolation or poverty.

### Charity Updates

We had a lovely harvest celebration before that half term break. All the funds raised were donated to CAFOD and the food donations have been donated to the local food larder in Woodford Halse.

For Remembrance this year our Head Boy and Head Girl will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion, the school has been putting together our display we hope you all will take a look. Years 5 and 6 will be leading the Remembrance Mass on Friday 19th November please do join us in church at 10am if you can.

### Forest school in Carpenters Class



## Value focus : Peace



The children in KS2 will be learning a new prayer by Richard of Chichester. It will help to start the day in a peaceful way.

### School Photos

All the digital photos have been sent to the email address on the order. These must be downloaded and saved by 22nd November as they are then deleted from the system.

Printed photos will be delivered to school as soon as possible next week.

Keep in Contact: Tel: 01295 660258

Please check our website for regular updates

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