



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

**Lenten Term 1**

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful Christmas. The children and staff hit the ground running on Wednesday and are already immersed in their new topics. Class teachers will have sent home copies of the termly overviews so please do check your child's bag. Each class will be going on a school trip to further enhance the learning taking place. Class teachers will send out a letter detailing these trips further, but we are excited to announce that the children in Farmers class will be going to the Lego-land Discovery Centre, Year 6 will be going to the Ashmolean to learn about the Shang Dynasty and Fishermen will be learning about the Egyptians through a workshop at the Ashmolean.

Mr Causebrook has sent out letters to the young sports leaders in year 5 about a training session at BGN that they will be attending. Mr Causebrook will also be taking Year 1 and 2 for an Athletics morning that will be led by the young sports leaders at BGN. We are really thrilled with the difference that the new sports partnership is making to our children.

The PTFA are reforming and will be running the school disco on the 10th March. Please email the school office if you would like to be involved your details will then be shared with the Chair of Governors Rebecca Iley, The staff will also be running a Movie and Munchies night this half term, please take a look at the poster attached.

Kind regards,  
Laura Concannon

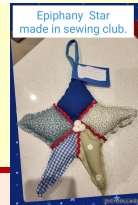
## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- **Friday 6th January: Epiphany Mass in Church at 10:00am.**
- **Thursday 12th January: Confirmation talk from Fr Shyju at 5:30pm.**
- **Friday 13th New Year Mass led by Year 3 in Church at 10:30am.**
- **Wednesday 18th January- Maths reasoning morning.**
- **Thursday 19th January- First Confirmation session in church at 1:15pm.**
- **Tuesday 24th January- Confirmation classes with Mrs Smith at 2pm every Tuesday.**
- **Tuesday 24th January- KS2 Exposition of the blessed Sacrament 11am.**
- **Friday 27th January- Movies and Munchies Night 6:30pm-8pm.**
- **Wednesday 8th February- KS2 Exposition of the blessed Sacrament 11am.**
- **Friday 10th February: School breaks up for the half term break at the end of the day.**
- **Monday 20th February: School reopens. Fair Trade Week**
- **Monday 27th February: Science Week**
- **Friday 10th March: School Disco**

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Thank you to everyone that has committed to the preparation of their children for Confirmation. Key dates are listed above. Unfortunately, we will not be running the First Holy Communion Preparation this year as we only have two pupils eligible. This means we will prepare both Year 3 and Year 4 next year and have a joint celebration. This has worked well in the past. If your Year 3 child is eligible and you would like to go ahead this year then please contact St Augustine's or St Johns to prepare your children in church.



Lots of exciting makes in cooking and sewing this half term!

### **SEWING CLUB**

*This term, we shall be.....*

- Making a star for the feast of Epiphany
- Making a fabric envelope
- Making a heart prayer in my pocket
- Making a flat lay bag

*Don't forget to book on parent pay...*

### **COOKING CLUB**

*This term, we shall be....*

*Making jewelled biscuits for the feast of Epiphany*

**Making cheese scones**

**CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH HANDS-THROWN-SCROLLS**

**Making rice krispie caramel balls**

**Making heart shaped pizzas for Valentine's day.**

*Don't forget to book your place on parent pay*

### A key health update from the local Authority:



**West Northamptonshire Council**

As your child returns to school after the festive break, it is important you are aware that there remains a risk of winter infections. You may have seen or heard that Flu, COVID-19, and Scarlet Fever are continuing to circulate, and as a result there is an increased risk of infection amongst the school community.

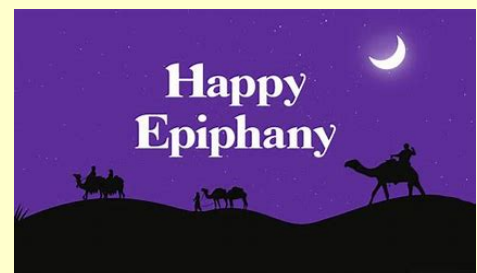
Professor Susan Hopkins, the Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued the following advice to help protect your child and others they are in contact with:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, you are advised to keep them at home until the fever has passed and they feel better. During this time your child should avoid attending school, nursery, childminder or having contact with any other person outside the household.
- An adult who is unwell should also try to stay at home and avoid seeing others.
- If a person is unwell and they have to go out, they are advised to avoid attending a healthcare setting, such as a GP surgery or hospital, unless calling first. Also do not attend a high-risk setting such as a care home or nursing home.
- If a person needs to leave the house whilst they are unwell, UKHSA recommends a face covering is worn at all times to help avoid passing their infection to others.
- Good hand hygiene continues to be important to avoid spreading infections through touch. You are asked to encourage your child to regularly wash their hands, with soap and warm water.
- Vaccination is the best protection against any avoidable illness such as Flu or COVID-19. You are advised to ensure your child is vaccinated when they are invited.

## Value focus : Commitment and Perseverance

*"Commit to the Lord whatever  
you do, and your plans will  
succeed."*

*Proverbs 16:3*



**Happy  
Epiphany**

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