# St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

### **Statement To Live By**

Our Statement To Live By next week is "I try to stand up for myself and others". Please talk to your child about this.

#### **Parents Evenings**

The first Parents Evening of this new school year was on Wednesday and the second one will be next Wednesday, 23rd October from 4.00pm—6.00pm. The appointments have been sent out. Please see your child's teacher if you haven't yet made an appointment.

#### Parent surveys

A survey is being given out at parents evenings from Mrs Heyes our school Mental Health Lead. She would like to find out if parents have any suggestions for specific areas that they feel our children need to learn more about regarding their wellbeing and mental health. Please send your completed surveys back to school.

#### **Cross Country Competitions**

Our Cross Country teams did us so proud this week. They ran a challenging and very muddy course and all completed it well and we even had some children in the top three places. Year 4 also won a trophy for getting the overall best scores. Well done St Mary's cross country runners—you were fantastic and we are so proud of you all.

#### Art Competition

Please see the flyers and Facebook about Mrs Killoran's art competition. This should keep the children busy over the half term break! The closing date for entries is Monday 4th November.

#### Applications to our school and Nursery

The online application process to apply for Reception places for September 2025 is now open and closes on 15th January 2025. The next open day is on Thursday 7th November at 4.30pm. Parents can also come on this dates to look at our Nursery. We still have a few places in our Nursery if you know of anyone who wants to apply. Just tell them to pop into the office for an application form.

# Applications to High School—Year 5 and Year 6

Just a reminder that applications need to be made for High School applications by 31st October 2024.

#### **Church News**

Year 5 celebrated mass this week on the theme of the Rosary. And were excellent. Well done Year 5. The next mass will be whole school on 6th November at 10.00am. Anyone is welcome to join us for this.

# **FPTA**

The FPTA met last Thursday but we only had Helen, Natalie and one other parent. It is becoming so difficult for Helen and Natalie to be able to plan the usual fund raising events without more help being offered. They would love for each class to have 2 named representatives who would be willing to support the FPTA. This does not need to be a huge commitment. Just to chat to other parents and ensure that each class can offer a few parents to support events when needed. Please let us know if you would be willing to be your class FPTA reps! If we don't get more support, the FPTA will not be able to commit to the funds it donates to school to subsidise trips throughout the year. Please please help us here!

# **Parking**

Can we please remind parents to always park safely putting our children's safety first, and also to be courteous to other road users and our neighbours.

# **Our School Nurse**

Molly, our School Nurse will be doing a drop in session on Wednesday 6th November from 9.00am at school if any parents want to chat privately to her about any health concerns or for any advice.

# Head Boy and Girl message

Congratulations to Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 for competing in the Cross Country competition. Well done to all the Class Champion winners and for Year 1 for winning class of the week.



# DIARY DATES

Own clothes to include something pink in support of Little'Pink' Borough 24th October

Pink Tuck Shop Sale **24th October** afterschool (In support of Little 'Pink' Borough)

Own clothes 29th November in exchange of a bottle for the Christmas Fair Tombola

Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 13th December

# AWARDS

# **Class Champion Awards**

**Nursery** - Chimkalisi **Reception** - Beau Year 1 - Ivy Year 2 - Jacob Year 3 - Ted & Roman Year 4 - Emily Year 5 - Mary

Year 6 - Harrison

Winning House this week: St George

Class of the week:

Year 1