

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Statement To Live By

Our Statement To Live By next week is "I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt". Please talk to your child about this.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The coffee morning was a great success last week and we must send a MASSIVE thank you to all our families and friends, as together we raised a staggering £646.52 for Macmillan. You are so kind and generous. We would also like to thank Mrs Rennie and the new GIFT team for organising this event.

Foodbank appeal—final requests please

Our GIFT Chaplaincy Team are appealing for food donations of non perishable foods for our local foodbanks. But also, just as importantly, if any of our families are really struggling financially, and would benefit directly from any of our food donations, then please talk to Mrs Ruane in the strictest confidence. We have extended the cut off date now to **Monday 7th October for any donations**. Thank you so much for your generosity as always.

October is the month of the Rosary

Children can bring in Rosary beads during the month of October to use in prayer in class and assemblies.

Black History month competition

Mrs Killoran was astounded by the quality and amount of entries this year. All entries are now on display in the school hall (and see our school Facebook page for the photos). It was very difficult to judge but the winners were announced in assembly today. They are Lottie (N/R) Julia (1/2) Teddy (3/4) Erin (5/6)

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. We held our first open evening for parents to come and have a look around our school last week and the next one 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

This is the time of year where our Year 6 children and their families start applying for secondary schools. Please check each secondary schools website for more information and read each schools admissions policy so you are aware of the criteria and likelihood to be accepted at each school before you apply. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2024.

Church news

Year 3 led a lovely class mass this week all about how much God loves every one of us. They were wonderful and so well behaved. Well done Year 3. There will be a whole school mass next week on Wednesday at 10.00am on the theme of Harvest and the Rosary. The children will also present their donations for the food bank appeal. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us here. Year 3 were sent a letter last week about starting the Sacramental Programme. Can those parents please return the slip to Mrs Giordani.

FPTA

We are inviting anybody to come along for a very informal chat and a coffee **next Thursday at 5.30pm in school** to help plan the events for the year ahead. Helen and Natalie would like to send out a very warm and welcoming invite to anybody who would like to come along and join our FPTA and raise much needed funds for our children. Our FPTA raised enough money last year to continue subsidising our school trips. We hope this can continue this year. However, to continue the great work they do, we need parents and friends to offer to help. You can help in a big or very small way. There is no long term commitment or expectation. Just come and help however you can. We look forward to seeing old and new faces! If you want any more information please contact Natalie on 07376084362

Mental Health Day

On Thursday as part of national mental health day, children can wear something yellow. It will be normal uniform but with an additional yellow item eg yellow socks, ribbons, headbands/clips hats/caps, scarves, badges etc. If your child has nothing yellow, we will provide a nice yellow mental health day sticker for them in school.

Head Boy and Girl message

Well done Y3 for winning Class of The Week. Thankyou everyone for raising over £600 for Macmillan coffee morning.



4TH OCTOBER 2024

DIARY DATES

Little 'Pink' Borough

24th October

Non –Uniform to include something pink in support of Little'Pink' Borough

7th October

Foodbank Appeal Details within the newsletter. Donations to be in by Monday 7th October

AWARDS

Class Champion Awards

Nursery - Jessica
Reception - Eli
Year 1 - Theo
Year 2 - Ollie
Year 3 - Charlotte
Year 4 - Alexander
Year 5 - Adriaan
Year 6 - Frank & Tayte

Winning House this week:
St Andrew's

Class of the week:
Year 3