



## St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 6 – 03/11/2021



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**This term's Christian Value is Compassion:**

**Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.**

**Colossians 3.12**

### Calendar events:



#### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Start of Term 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> 9am in school - PTA meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> Kilve Celebration 2:45 – Year 5 and 6 parents invited
- 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Worship – for children + teachers in school
- 15<sup>th</sup> Odd Sock Day – Challenging bullying and celebrating diversity – no donation necessary
- 19<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – Colouring Competition + Colour Pudsey with Coins

#### December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mufti-Day (bring a donation for the Christmas Market)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 and 4 cake sale in the hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> PTA Christmas Wreath Making (more details to follow – save the date)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner
- 8<sup>th</sup> 3.15 to 5.00 - PTA Christmas Market
- 11/12<sup>th</sup> PTA - Sparkle Trail
- 13<sup>th</sup> + 14<sup>th</sup> Nativity - Little Acorns, Little Oaks, Year 1 + Year 2

## St Mary's Stars

**Little Acorns:** Maisie for great perservering

**Little Oaks:** Jess for making great progress in her learning

**Class 1:** Jacob Mckeegan for being a really happy member of the class and for being such a lovely friend.

**Class 2:** Sapphire for being so kind and thoughtful to EVERYONE!

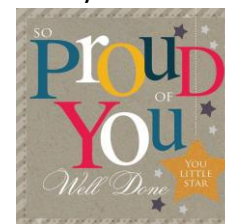
**Class 3:** Dennis for being really enthusiastic in his learning.

**Class 4:** Leo and Konor for participating and representing St Mary's in an intersport competition

**Class 5:** Lola for her correct use of model verbs in her persuasive travel guide.

**Class 6:** Mathew for making really sensible choices.

**Other:** Football – non-bibs (Farley, Baylee, Bradley, Riley, Luca and Alex) for winning the tournament.



### Young Voices

Please note the change of date for Young Voices to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The closing date to purchase tickets through the school is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Christmas Mufti Day

Friday, 6th December is CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY (wear red, green, Christmas jumpers etc.) – please bring in one item from home (bubble bath, jewellery, ornament, frame etc.) that could be used in our 'SECRET Santa stall at the Christmas Fayre



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### **Christmas Dinner on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Advanced notice.

We are awaiting further information from our school meal provider and when the menu is confirmed, the dinner choices will be added to Parent Pay.

### **Nativity**

The teachers and children in Little Acorns, Little Oaks, Year 1 and Year 2 are getting very excited about our Christmas Nativity this year.

We are aiming to be able to perform this in front of parents in the hall on the afternoon of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December and the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

By having three performances this year we are able to space out the audience, mitigate some of the risks and increase the likelihood of this event being able to go ahead. Currently we have very low COVID cases in the area and we are all hoping that this remains the case.

For each child in these classes, parents and carers are able to obtain 2 tickets (available from the school office; in person, by phone or email). Parents/carers should indicate which performance they wish to attend.

Unlike previous years, due to the possibility that we may have to cancel should we have a COVID outbreak, we are not charging for tickets this year but would ask for our audience to make a donation for a programme on the day.

### **Remembrance Day and Poppies**

Next week on 11<sup>th</sup> November we will hold a collect worship for staff and children in school to remember those affected by war.

We currently have poppies and various other items on sale in school should you wish to make a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Children should bring their money into class and any adults who wish to donate can do so via the school office.

### **Books, books, books**

We are approximately in the middle of our journey to replenish stocks of books. We have already committed a lot of time and money to purchasing phonic resources and books for little Oaks, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive half an hour of phonic teaching a day, regular guided reading and 1:1 sessions each week.

Additionally, we have bought and resourced a Reading Scheme for children in Key Stage 2 who receive half an hour of Whole Class Reading each day focusing on reading fluency and comprehension.

One of our final drives is to purchase specific books that link to our Accelerated Reader scheme giving the children further choice of home readers at their specific level.

**THANK YOU you to all the people who have donated books, money or time to increase the number of books available to children to read at home and in school.**

### **Children in Need – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Our school councilors have decided that they would like to, this year, support this charity. They are asking children to take part in a colouring competition and donate 50p to enter. The art work will be displayed in the link way and winners chosen on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: you have to be in it to win it!!!!

Also, for those who would like to donate to this worthwhile charity in a different way, The school council will be collecting any spare change on 19<sup>th</sup> November and attempting to COLOUR PUDSEY IN COINS!!!!!! A HUGE Pudsey Bear will be drawn on the hall floor and children are encouraged to bring in as many coins as they can to cover the bear! All classes will go to the hall to take part during the day with the GRAND total being counted by the school council





## Anti-bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated In England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place from 15 to 19 November 2021 and it has the theme One Kind Word. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November) which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks.

More information can be found on the link below:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

At St Mary's we take anti-bullying very seriously. This topic is covered regularly in our PHSE scheme called JIGSAW, in collective worships, addressed by the school council and behaviour is monitored by all staff at all times.

In our last audit Kate Murphy from BANES, who spoke to children around the school noted the following bullet points:

**What the School Council thinks the school does well ( I asked this in terms of Anti-Bullying and Equalities .. the children wanted to tell me lots of things and I didn't want to censor them)**

- Teachers and other staff are friendly , kind and approachable
- They make lessons exciting and interesting : they encourage us to do good work and give us rewards when we do well in our work or behaviour
  - Teachers give a lot of time to children with special needs
  - If there is an argument between children, staff give them time to sort it out
    - If it can't be sorted out, teachers listen to both sides and help sort it out
    - There is hardly any bullying but if there is teachers deal with it quickly
  - The school keeps us safe and healthy and teaches us to be safe and healthy
    - We have activities outside and healthy eating lessons
    - We have nice food at lunchtime
    - We are given lots of time to do our work
- We know that teachers need to give extra support to children who have problems with learning or behaviour
  - We can have fun with teachers but we still do our work
  - Teachers play games with us in between lesson activities
    - The school is clean and tidy and a nice place to be
- The headteacher is wonderful .. she makes assemblies really good .. she tells us stories and do funny voices and make things interesting
- We get Dojo points and house points to encourage us to do lots of positive things

When asked children are clear about what they should do if they feel they are being bullied and all can name a trusted adult who they would turn to.



Dear Parents/Carers,

**WOOHOO... MONDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS  
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

**WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?**  
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **One Kind Word**.

**WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?**  
The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



**Next week during children will be encouraged to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to mark the start of anti-bullying week.**

**Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!**

**We are not asking for any donations on this day – just to wear ODD SOCKS to celebrate our diversity.**



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### School Council

**Aeryn, Rudy, Lexi, Molly, Niamh, Amelia, Maddie**

Our new councilors have been busy already. They met with Ms Lampert last week and discussed agenda items.

The minutes will be fed back to children in their classes:

Healthy snacks at play times

Litter

Visiting and supporting the elderly in Care Homes

Charities for the year

Anti-bullying week

Play equipment

### Community Notices:



### Road closure

Please note the road near Green Parlour (at the end of Old Road) is closed for 3 days next week. This may result in more traffic travelling past the school. Please allow more time for your journey to school. You may wish to consider walking to school, if possible, to ease congestion.