

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

Another fantastic week in school, with so many wonderful things happening in all the classes and our WOW Area (Woodland of Wonder)

Thank-you for all the donations for the Macmillan Coffee Morning, as we know so many people are touched by cancer at some point in their lives, whether being diagnosed themselves or knowing someone who has cancer. All the money raised today will be going straight to Macmillan. Hopefully as a school, our donations help families in the future who find themselves in need.

As you, know at St. Mary's we are like one big family and families look after each other. At the weekend, the wonderful husband of a member of St. Mary's staff passed away. I know you along with all the staff will be praying and keeping Mrs C Leonard in your thoughts at this difficult time.

In Sunday's Gospel, the disciples are arguing and fighting about who was the greatest and the most important. This shows they were concerned with the things of this world. They were expecting Jesus to establish a worldly kingdom and were focused on who would be the greatest among them in that kingdom. They looked at greatness through the eyes of the world, not through the eyes of God. The world says that greatness is defined by having a prominent position, being successful, having a lot of money, being powerful, and more. But those things don't define greatness in God's eyes. Jesus used care for a child as an illustration. It is not in the trampling over others and having whatever it takes mentally that we become great. It is in how we treat the most vulnerable in society that truly defines our greatness. It is, in fact, in putting others before ourselves that we can become great.

Lord, you have made us to help one another. Help us to become more like you in our care for other people and our community.

Amen

Remember at all times at St. Mary's everyone wants all the children to continue to "Believe, Succeed and Soar"

As ever you all remain in my thoughts and prayers,

Take care

Mrs R Wheatley

CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday 14th October -
Harvest Thanksgiving

Friday 15th October-
Individual School
Photographs

Tuesday 19th October-
Whole School attending
church

Thursday 21st October-
Last day of Term

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all of the families that entered into the Mcmillan cake raffle, as a school we raised over £240.





PE DAY REMINDERS

Year 1: Monday & Friday

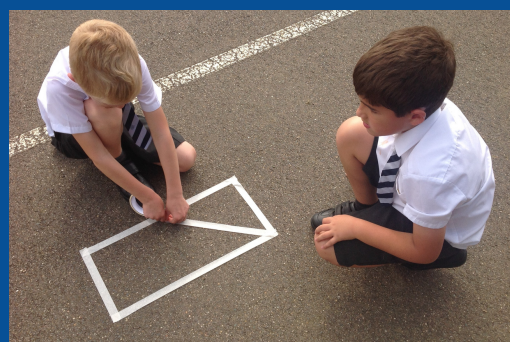
Year 2: Tuesday & Friday

Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4: Wednesday & Friday

Year 5: Monday & Wednesday

Year 6: Tuesday & Thursday



FOOD & DRINK

If your child is having a school dinner please make sure you have ordered the meals via the website www.schoolmealsonline.com

Please can you ensure your child brings a water bottle with them daily.

Our new Vision Statement:

As a school, community we have changed our vision for the school and ensured it is aspirational for everyone.

Our Vision

We are disciples who put our faith into action in all that we do.

We are role models who encourage others to shine and be the best version of themselves that they can be.

We are investigators who ask questions about the past, the present and the future.

We are artists who show our creativity and talents with flair and imagination.

We are storytellers who have a passion for reading and are able to communicate in many ways.

We are problem solvers who tackle tasks with an open mind and a positive approach.

We are team players who work together to achieve our goals.

We are explorers who learn new skills, embrace other cultures and value our locality and the wider world.

We Believe. We Succeed. We Soar.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

On our school website, under the news and events tab there is a school calendar. You are able to link your phone calendar to this. This way you will stay up to date with any notifications on the school website.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception Class: 95%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 93%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 93%

Parent-Teacher evening:

As you are aware, we are consulting all our families on two options for the future of Parent-Teacher. Please complete with your preferred option and then as a school, we will follow the majority opinion.

Good luck to those children in Year 6 taking the 11+ this weekend, we know you will do your best.

Parking

Please can everyone remember that the “zig-zag lines” on the road outside school are in place for a reason. No one has any excuse for parking on them. The police and other organisations have been consulted about the road and will be regularly carrying out “spot” checks to ensure everyone is following the law.

Arrangement for the end of the day pick-up:

Thank-you for all the positive comments received about the swift change in the end of the day arrangements. The system is working well and as you are aware as a school, safety for everyone is of paramount importance. Can we just remind parents to wait in the playground zones away from the classroom windows as children are still participating in lessons.

Covid Update

You maybe aware that in South Kesteven between 17 September 2021 and 23 September 2021, 463 people had a confirmed positive test result. This shows an increase of 48.9% compared to the previous 7 days. Therefore we are reminding parents to encourage children to wash/sanitise their hands on a regular basis.

If your child is showing symptoms of Covid 19:

- Continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste/smell

Please book them for a PCR test at the local testing station. Please keep your child off school until a negative result is received.

Children can also carry out weekly lateral flow tests at home as a precaution. Tests can be obtained from the testing site or ordered online. There is no charge for these.

