

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

I cannot believe where the weeks are going and we are in October already. The children continue to learn and thrive at St. Mary's. As I've been walking around school, children have enthusiastically been telling me what they are learning about in class and how they are pleased when they get to spend time in the WOW Area.

The Feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux was on the 1st October and all the classes discussed how St Therese was known as The Little Flower. She knew that God loved her so much because he even made and loved the tiniest wild flowers... And if he loved tiny little flowers so much then it means that he loves us all so very much too. We are all so special to Him. The children learnt that we can be little saints through our words, thoughts and deeds. St Therese can help us to become more saint like by following her example of doing little things to show God's love in our world.

God of kindness and love,

*Help us to remember to follow in the footsteps of St Thérèse,
always looking for little ways to say or do kind things for others.*

Amen

A 15th Century proverb suggested that 'children should be seen and not heard' – a viewpoint shared by many societies since. But Jesus' attitude is very different. During Monday's Collective Worship, children heard how Jesus went beyond just welcoming children to Him: He held them up as an example of open heartedness that everyone could learn from. We hope and pray that through reading and sharing, you will be inspired by the open heartedness of your own child.

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 Celebration

Friday 15th October -
Individual School
Photographs

Tuesday 19th October -
Whole School attending
church

Thursday 21st October -
Last day of Term

ADMISSIONS

Do you have a child due
to start school in
September 2022 or know
anyone who is. We have
our two open events on
Friday 5th November at
9:30-10 or Thursday 11th
November 2-2:30.



PE DAY CHANGE

Due to school individual photos taking place on Friday 15th October 2021, there will be no PE lessons on this day.

Therefore, for **next week only**, Year 1 will complete their second PE lesson on Wednesday. Year 2 and Year 4's second PE lessons will both take place on the Thursday instead.



Please can you ensure your child brings a water bottle, a waterproof coat and their school planner with them daily.

MINI VINNIES TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

The Y3 and Y4 Mini Vinnies would like to say a massive thank you for all the donations you have sent in for our first campaign. We have been able to put together 37 gift packs for the Afghan Children being housed in Grantham. Grantham Churches Together have collected the packs and will be delivering them to the children in the next few days. Once again, thank you.



Mini Vinnies and Mrs O'Leary



A Date with Dan: Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After our live streamed event earlier this year, many parents and carers asked for the opportunity to ask us some questions. Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 25th November 2021 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this FREE session:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-168597709287>

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: 82%

Year 1: 90%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 90%

Year 4: 87%

Year 5: 92%

Year 6: 94%

Parent-Teacher evening:

Thank you for all those who submitted the form, due to a majority vote it has been decided that Parent-Teacher evening will take place via TEAMS. A notification will be sent out to your child's TEAMS account.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder to all parents that you can still consent for your child to have the Fluenz Nasal immunisation at school.

Prayer - October is the month of the Rosary.

Of course, we can pray the Rosary at any time, but given that the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th, it's the month in the church calendar where praying the Rosary is particularly highlighted. As we approach half term, and pause from school and regular routines, perhaps you and your household might like to take the opportunity to pray the Rosary together.

If you don't have a Rosary at home, children can count on their fingers, or even make one of their own.

Below you can find the prayers which make up a decade of the Rosary. We hope you will be blessed.

Our Father x 1

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
Amen.

Hail Mary x 10

Hail Mary, full of grace.

The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art though amongst women,

And blessed is the fruit of they womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Glory Be x 1

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Parent Protect Resources

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation has produced some fantastic, bitesize, information clips and resources for parents around protecting children and young people from harmful sexual behaviour both online and offline.

Child sexual abuse is a major public health problem affecting more than a million children under the age of 16 in the UK. All available evidence indicates that the risk to children has grown during the Covid-19 pandemic. Parents can learn from short films telling them what they need to know about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it, including spotting the signs and online safety. <https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/>