



St Mary's R.C. First School Newsletter – 7th October 2022



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Miss. Carr and Miss. Stoves held a 'Regenerators assembly; with years 2 to 4. The aim of the assembly was to launch our Regenerators club! We are trying to make our school and community greener and help with the cost of living. Children interested in becoming part of our Regenerator club have been asked to complete a short speech outlining why they would be suited to the role and what they would do to help others and the environment. In the coming weeks, children will have the chance to listen to speeches and vote for the children they think will excel in this role. We have lots of exciting projects lined up, and can't wait to get this club up and running!

With Best Wishes,

Mrs. Oakes

Mission Statement Value Award Winners:

Class			
Reception	Frankie M	Dexter	Mikey
Year 1	Gracie	Kohan	Ollie
Year 2	Ava	Joe	Ella
Year 3	Grace	Callum	Mason
Year 4	Tommy	James	Sebastian

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our wonderful children in partnership with their families!



Attendance Please remember that every day in school counts!	
<u>Reception</u>	<u>97.1%</u>
<u>Year 1</u>	<u>97.1%</u>
<u>Year 2</u>	<u>97.3%</u>
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>96.0%</u>
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>97.4%</u>

Statement to Live By:

Please and thank you

Please and Thank You

We listened to the story where Jesus heals the ten lepers. We explored a 'please and thank you' attitude, where God provides for us no need of our thanks.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding and wellbeing of our pupils is a priority at St. Mary's. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you who are designated safeguarding leads are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Oakes
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Miss Baird

If you have any concerns that you would like to share with school please ensure you contact the school office and ask to speak with a member of the safeguarding team.

Our safeguarding focus this month in school is online relationships and how we can stay safe online. As a parent you may find the following website useful which outlines how you can help to keep your child safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

National Poetry Day- Thursday 6th October

It was National Poetry Day on Thursday 6th October. This year's theme is the Environment and St. Mary celebrated this in lots of different ways. We read lots of poems about our world and how to look after it. We were very impressed with the creativity and performances from each class. Well done!



Open Day

If you have a child who is due to start Reception In September 2023 you are welcome to attend our Open Day on Tuesday 11th October from 9.30-11am. Please contact our school office to book an appointment: 01434 603791.

Application for Middle School

If your child is due to transfer to Middle School in September 2023, you must apply for a place before 31st October. Please follow the link below.

[.School admissions, places & appeals](#)

Cold weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing including a warm coat with a hood.

Reception Welcome Mass

On Tuesday 18th October we will be celebrating the beginning of our Reception children's school journey. The Welcome Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church at 9:30am. We would like to invite all parents and carers to this event.

Hello Yellow Day

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day: 10th October 2022. Children are encouraged to wear something yellow on Monday 10th October 2022 (yellow t-shirt, jumper, socks, hair accessory etc) to raise awareness of Mental Health Day. Pupils can wear a coloured T-shirt if they do not have anything yellow to wear. The rest of the clothing will be standard uniform. To support the work of the Young Minds charity we ask for a voluntary donation (suggested £1). We will be focusing on wellbeing, resilience and managing emotions throughout next week, with a special collective worship on Monday.

London Mini Marathon

Over the next 2 weeks we are taking part in the London Mini Marathon within school. Please could you send a pair of trainers to school with your child each day.

Pumpkin Disco.

The PTA will be holding a Pumpkin Disco on Wednesday 19th October. This will be from 3.15 - 4.30pm. £3.00 per ticket, this will need to be sent into school in a sealed, named envelope. The last day for the money to be in is Friday 14th October. Home clothes or fancy dress if you wish, but can we politely ask that there are no masks.

Skipping Festival

Year 4 have been invited to take part in a skipping festival at Wentworth Leisure Centre on Thursday 22nd November. All pupils have received a letter outlining the details of the festival. If you would like your child to participate there is a fee of £5 which can be paid via Weduc or the school office. If you have any concerns regarding payment, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Ear Piercings

If your child has ear studs that can't be removed, can we please ensure that they have the clear, anti - allergy rubber studs in. Otherwise, they unfortunately can't take part in their P.E lesson. Please find the P.E timetable below.

Class	Day of P.E
Reception	Monday & Thursday
Y1	Monday & Wednesday
Y2	Thursday & Friday
Y3	Monday & Tuesday
Y4	Monday & Tuesday

Dates for Diary:

Monday 10th October	Hello Yellow: wear yellow clothing for children's mental health day
Tuesday 11th October & Wednesday 12th October	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm - Booking system now open
Friday 14th October	School Photographs
Tuesday 18th October	Reception Welcome Mass In Church 9:30am
Wednesday 19th October	Arts Day-Parents invited into school-Time TBC Pumpkin Disco 3.15-4.30
Tuesday 22nd November	Year 4 Skipping Festival