

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | June 17<sup>th</sup> 2022



## From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another wonderful week we have had here at school. This is always one of the busiest half terms for everybody as we try to squeeze lots of wonderful outdoor learning opportunities for our children. Our Robins had a superb day at Hatton Country World this week and were so enthusiastic to share their stories with us on Wednesday. We are creating memories for our children which we hope will last a lifetime and give them new experiences of the world.

This week it has been so lovely to have parents coming back into school. The children in Year Two have shared their books with their parents to show off how marvellous they are and how hard they are working. By the time you read this our Year Three and Four class will also have shared their books. The children are so enthusiastic about their learning and it is a real privilege to hear them recalling and explaining things that they have learnt across the curriculum this year. Next week we have the turn of Years Five and Six, Year One and our Early Years. How we have all missed these 'normal' activities, but on the positive side it has made us all realise that we shouldn't take these small acts for granted.

Last Sunday our Year Six children completed their sacramental journey and made their Confirmation. The children read so beautifully and were very reverent in prayer. They made us all so very proud of them and our Altar Servers Miriam and Lucy were superb too. We are so very lucky that our children are continuing in their faith journey. Talking about continuing in their journey of faith, our Year Three children continue their sacramental journey this Sunday, making their First Holy Communion. This is such a special day, made even more special as we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday too, where we proclaim the truth of the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the actual body of Christ during Mass. When we receive Communion, Christ is closer to us than ever! We should never take this precious gift for granted. We would love to see as many of our friends there as possible to support our children on their new sacramental journey at the 10am Mass at the church of Our Lady & Saint Wulstan on Wood Street.

Over the last two weeks, we will have been conducting our end of year assessments with the children. It is important that these are done so that we are aware of where the children are as they end their time in their current year group. These results will also be used to celebrate the progress each and every one of them has made this academic year. That being said, we are not shying away from our belief that the biggest achievements from the last year will not be able to be assessed via a test paper or knowledge quiz. We know that the results will not show us which children have learnt a new skill this year, who has been a great help at home or who makes their friends smile day in and day out. Therefore, these assessments have been done in the kindest way possible and will be used to shape future learning, so that those children who are in need of a little extra support when they move up into their new year group in September will have this in place from the off. All children have achieved **SO** much this year and should be proud whatever their outcome, as here at St Mary's there are many ways to achieve success. For after all, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" ~ Aristotle

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## DISCO

Thank you to everyone who came and boogied last week to the funky tunes laid down by Max's dad! We raised much needed funds for the school and had fun at the same time. Making time to say "hi" to other families and make new friends is how our school community is strengthened – if this has inspired you to join our parents' group, please ask your class rep, or enquire at the office for more info.

**SUN SAFETY** - Children should bring a bottle (filled with water only) and sun hat **every day** and come with their sun cream already applied. Thank You

## LITTLE LITTER PICKER

### Well done Archie!

One of our Little Robins, Archie has been litter picking on the way to school in the morning this week. What a fantastic way to show our Values & Virtues by being attentive to his environment. We're all very proud.

## SOUTHAM FAMILY FUN DAY

12 – 4:30pm

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June @ the recreation ground.

### ROLL UP ROLL UP, JAM JARS NEEDED!

FOSM are having a jam jar tombola stall at this event. **If you could fill a jam jar or two we would be very grateful** - all sorts of things fit in jam jars - sweets, toys, hair accessories, toiletries, be creative! There will be prizes for the most inventive brought in to school! **If any families would be able to join a rota to run the stall** we would really appreciate it! Sign up via WhatsApp or the Office.

## SPORTS DAY:

We had great fun at our practice Sports Day yesterday and now know how to do all the events we'll be taking part in on **Sports day itself: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** and are very excited!

- The afternoon will start at 13:15 and parents are welcome to spectate (and to race later!).
- Children will need to wear the colours of their house. A t-shirt or coloured ribbon will suffice.
- We **STILL NEED** another 25 clean, empty tin cans for one of the activities; please send in any empties with the labels removed by Tuesday.

### ROBINS

What a week Robin Class had! We went on their first school trip to Hatton Country World...on a coach! The children had an incredible time learning about lots of different animals, petting and feeding them. We went on a tractor ride, played in a huge sand pit, stroked a snake, and had a go at milking a cow! The children were impeccably behaved, and we could not be prouder of them! Thank you to all the helpers who made the trip possible.



### DOVES

This week Doves have been learning about position and direction, making turns, and moving forward, backwards, left, and right. In music we have been learning about continuing a beat. In topic we have been learning about the land 'Down Under' Australia.



### GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have taken advantage of the sunshine this week and had the opportunity to complete learning outside. They were able to use their vocabulary from Math's in their topic lesson as they were learning simple compass instructions and they practiced giving and following these using compasses. We have predicted what will happen in our new English book 'The Hodgehog' and have begun reading it. In RE we have excellently retold the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit as if we were one of the disciples. The children enjoyed sharing their books with parents and friends during our Bowled Over By Books sessions. Thank you for your continued support.



### KINGFISHERS

This week in Kingfishers the children have impressed me with their perseverance and resilience during our assessments. The children should be super proud of themselves! We have also enjoyed learning all about Pentecost in our RE lesson and creating Pentecost art. The children also loved their sports day practice where they got to practice the different events. It has also been lovely to enjoy the sunshine this week. Can Year 4 parents please encourage their children to continue to practice their times tables test, which is approaching next week. Thank you for your continued support.



### SKYLARKS

Many of us started the week in church to celebrate some of our class taking their Confirmation with the Bishop. It was a beautiful service and all the children who attended behaved impeccably and were a credit to St Mary's. A lot of the week has been spent learning more about Pentecost where everyone created really imaginative art work. We have also learnt more about the Blitz - especially concentrating on how badly Coventry was affected. Sports Day rehearsal went well - especially in this glorious weather, and we are looking forward to competing in two weeks' time.

## DIARY DATES



### EVERY FRIDAY

**50p Friday** Snacks & drinks on sale after school. Bring your pennies to fundraise for FOSM

### Sunday, June 19

**Y3** First Holy Communion join us at church at 10am

### Tuesday, June 21

**Doves** Book Look @ 2:15 - 3:00pm

### Tuesday, June 21 & 28

**Robins** Stay and Play + Book look @ 2:00 - 3:15pm

### Friday June 25

**Skylarks** Book Look @ 2:15 - 3:00pm

### Thursday, June 30

All Sports Day @ 13:15

### Tuesday, July 5

**Y2 & Y3/4** Twycross Zoo Trip

### Wednesday, July 6

All Transition Day (try out your new class ahead of September!)

**Note: This is a date correction**

### NEW 2022/23 Term Dates

#### Autumn term 2022

**Starts:** Tuesday 6 September (Teacher Training 5 September)

**Half term:** Monday 24 October

**Ends:** Friday 16 December

**Christmas holiday:** Monday 19 December to Tuesday 3 January (Tuesday is Teacher Training Day)

#### Spring term 2023

**Starts:** Wednesday 4 January

**Half term:** Monday 20 February to Monday 27 February (Monday is Teacher Training Day)

**Ends:** Friday 31 March

**Easter holiday:** Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April

#### Summer term 2023

**Starts:** Monday 17 April

**Half term:** Monday 29 May

**Ends:** Friday 21 July (Teacher Training 24 & 25 July)

## HOUSE POINTS

St Andrew 464

St David 411

St Patrick 455

St George 445

## Stars of the Week

**Little Robins** - Lauren

**Big Robins** - Isla

**Doves** - Amelia

**Goldfinches** - Mason

**Kingfishers** - Hollie & Darcy

**Skylarks** - Lucy & Zachary

### EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Archie
Big Robins	Frankie
Doves	Delilah P
Goldfinches	Alfie
Kingfishers	Mason & Hamish
Skylarks	Tadei & Carolina

### LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Teddy
Big Robins	Matthew
Doves	Thomas
Goldfinches	Elsa
Kingfishers	Maggie & Lexie
Skylarks	Chelsea & Shiloh

