



# St Mary's News

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Autumn 3

Dear Parents and Carers

Another two weeks have passed and we are now deeper into autumn. It was lovely to see our Early Years children looking at the leaves changing colour this week – despite the warm sunshine!

We are, of course, delighted by our Catholic School Inspection report and I would like to pay tribute to the hard work of our teachers and teaching assistants who have ensured that the children grow in knowledge and understanding of RE and spirituality. Their thorough planning, diligent marking and engaging teaching has ensured that the children enjoy RE lessons and make good progress. I would also like to thank all of the parents who were involved in the inspection. Whether you completed the parent survey or talked to inspectors you had a vital role in providing information about our school. Finally we are so proud of the children who rose to the occasion and participated so well in our acts of worship. We are all very proud of our school community.

I met with the School Council for the first time this week and they are delighted to be able to shape the future of our school. Congratulations to the following children who will represent their classmates this year:

CLASS	COUNCILLORS
Beach	Morgan and Lily
Ocean	Robbie and Bella
Seagull	Martin and Jasmine
Marine	Benjamin and Maia
Blake	Blossom and Merson
Craigweil	Charlie and Hannah
Hotham	Martyna and Oliwia
Regis	Maja S and Aoife
Wheatland	Lucy and Maisi

Children in Year 6 have been attending Bikeability lessons this week and have been mastering the rules of the road. Their busy times continue into the following week when they go on school journey to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. The trip gives the children the opportunity to push themselves to undertake new challenges and encourage each other. We look forward to hearing all about it!

Our Families and Staff Association (FSA) met recently and discussed the Christmas Fair and some discos for later in this term. We were delighted with the turnout and hope to welcome more new members to future meetings. The next meeting is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9am; everyone is welcome, please do come along if you can. The FSA elected new Co-Chairs, Sarah Austin-Peggs and Kelly Morris who will be working together in this role during this academic year. We hope that 2021/22 is a bumper year for fundraising!

Finally a huge thank you to everyone who donated dry goods to the foodbank. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and the foodbank staff were delighted. We also raised £245 for Cafod from our Harvest 'Go Green' day.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend

Best wishes

Mr Edgington

Headteacher





### Grandparents' Afternoon

We recently welcomed our Grandparents into school in honour of National Grandparents Day. Grandparents are the unsung heroes of many families and it was a wonderful opportunity to welcome them in to our school to celebrate their contribution to family life.

They enjoyed a cup of tea and a slice of cake together and had the opportunity to visit their grandchild's class to share some of the work they have been doing in school. It was a lovely event that was enjoyed by all, we look forward to more celebrations like this in the near future!



### Recycle @ St Mary's

You are now able to recycle a number of items in our Recycling Bin located on the front playground. You can recycle:

- Men's, ladies, babies and children's clothing (including sportswear);
- Belts, wallets, purses, handbags and shoes (in pairs please);
- Curtains, bed sheets, duvets and pillow cases, blankets, throws, tablecloths and towels (no duvets, quilts or pillows);
- Soft toys.

The recycling bin will be weighed and emptied fortnightly, with the school receiving a monetary donation for every kilo.

## **THE GIVING MACHINE**

Since registering with The Giving Machine, we have received a massive **2068** donations, raising a whopping

**£1,182.85**

With Christmas fast approaching, this is the ideal time to shop via The Giving Machine. It's not just about gifts and toys. Food, holidays, flights, car hire, DIY tools, white goods .... the list is endless and spending money online could raise much needed additional funds for St Mary's. All you need to do is register with The Giving Machine, and shop with your usual online retailers **through** The Giving Machine website. You won't pay a penny more, however, a percentage of everything you spend will be donated to St Mary's.

For more information on how you can get involved please visit

**[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)**

### St Mary's Christmas Fair

Following our FSA meeting last week, the date for our Christmas Fair has been set – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December!

We are looking for donations of gifts, vouchers, or cash prizes for our Grand Christmas Raffle from local businesses. If you know of a business who may be willing to donate, or are happy to approach some local businesses on our behalf, we have got some letters in the school office that you can collect and hand out with more information.

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Y6 out of school on their residential trip

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Beach Class assembly @ 8.50am. Parents/carers invited to attend

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Marine Class assembly @ 8.50am. Parents/carers invited to attend

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Half-term – school closed

**Children return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**