



# St Mary's News

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Autumn 4

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a cold but sunny start to the half-term and summer seems a long way behind us!

I am looking forward to returning to school on Wednesday after my self-isolation and I now have first-hand experience of the fact that the virus is still very much with us. Watching the *Pride of Britain* awards yesterday I was reminded of how grateful we should be to those scientists who developed the vaccine and have saved countless millions of lives. We have implemented 'Plan B' at school which involves wearing masks in communal areas and trying to keep social distance of 1 metre or more between adults.

If your child needs to self-isolate, the school office will send you an information sheet to provide information about school work during isolation. There is no expectation to complete the work if your child is ill, but if they are well enough to work, we will point them in the right direction using the Oak National Academy. They can then send their work into the school office at lunchtime on Friday for some feedback to keep them motivated.

I hope you found the online parents' consultations useful this week. We would like your feedback on this event and Mrs Boniface will shortly be sending out a survey which we would like you to complete. We hope the arrangements enabled you to discuss your child's progress whilst also keeping you safe. Some parents have already mentioned that they found the online consultations less disruptive and easier to access so it will be interesting to see if the feeling is widespread.

We now have our new RE Council for this academic year up and running. Zofia Pokropek, Aarna Patel, Dante Thornett, Oscar Barcik, Mirabel Annan, Natalia Klupa, Vicky Albuquerque and Sophia Morgan have already made a start by running the Rosary prayer group last month and leading prayers for the Gospel assemblies. They will soon be busy organising the Deanery Advent service fundraising and the Advent prayer groups, as well as planning our new Spiritual reflection area on the school field. There will be more jobs to follow next term!

I hope you saw the article in the *Bognor Regis Observer* about our new Clamberstack. I am delighted that we have been able to make improvements to the school field this year and I look forward to the start of improvements to the Early Years play area in July 2022. Thank you to our FSA and the many staff who completed the *Great South Run* for their fundraising efforts

I hope you have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes, Mr Edgington, Headteacher

## Year 6 Residential Trip

In the week before half term, Year 6 visited PGL in the Isle of Wight for their residential trip. Here's how they describe their experience:

**We set off to PGL on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. We lived in cabins and were mixed with our friends. We had many different challenges each day such as:**

- **Big Swing**
- **Sensory Trail (very muddy)**
- **Abseiling and Archery**
- **Problem Solving and Orienteering**
- **Rock Climbing and Vertical Challenge**

**But that's not all, after dinner we had fun evening activities. We had a campfire, we played ambush and many other games. We had daily room inspections (we also set mini adventures for the teachers).**

**Overall, we had an amazing experience and we wish we could go again!**

*Written by Aarna and Zofia.*




  
**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC  
 PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**OPEN  
 AFTERNOON**  
 Nov 15th 2pm

## *School Disco!!*

Our FSA have been busy organising an after school disco for everyone in Years 1-6!

These will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm for KS1 and 4.15 pm – 5.30 pm for KS2. Tickets will be £5 each to be paid via ParentMail. More information has been sent by ParentMail today.



## **Prizes Wanted for Christmas Raffle**

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We are on the lookout for local businesses who are happy to donate a gift, voucher or cash for our Grand Christmas Raffle. Businesses who help to support our raffle will be promoted within our event programme as well as being advertised on the Grand Christmas Raffle stall.

If you have or know of a business who would like to make a donation, please contact Mrs Brown, our Business Manager.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Open Afternoon from 2.00pm  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Ocean Class Assembly 8.50am  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Hotham Class Assembly 8.50am  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Disco KS1 3-4pm. KS2 4.15-5.30pm  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Shell Class Assembly 8.50am  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Non Uniform Day  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Wheatland Class Assembly 8.50am  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - KS1 Fantastic Finish 2.30pm  
 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Starfish Class Assembly 8.50am  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Marine Class Assembly 8.50am  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 9.30am  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3/4 Fantastic Finish 2.00pm  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 9.30am  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity 9.30am  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5/6 Fantastic Finish  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair 3.00pm  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school, finish at 3.00pm  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – All children back to school

### **Recycling Bin**

You are now able to recycle a number of items in our 'Recycling Bin' located on the 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 donation of 20p per kilo. Please bring your recycling items (as listed above) to school, place them in the recycling bin, and help to fundraise for St Mary's.

