

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Autumn 5 - 29th November 2024

## FROM MRS COLE

Dear Parents & Carers

This half-term is flying by-nativity rehearsals are well under way in EYFS and KS1 and the Deanery Advent service for Yr5/6 is next week. Advent begins on Sunday both in church and on the calendar and in school we will be thinking about preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

This week there are several important 'thank you's' I would like to give.

Firstly, thank you very much to Mr Tadeusz who has very kindly built stone benches for us around our beautiful grotto. This means that we will be able to make much more use of this very special place of prayer and reflection in our school grounds. We are very grateful to Mr Tadeusz for giving his time and talent to us so generously, as well as the Claveria family for the huge amount of help they also gave.

I would also like to thank you all for giving so generously in our fundraising this week for The Sussex Snowdrop Trust. We raised £386.76 (£166.70 of this through the Faith Leaders cake sale) which will be very much appreciated by this wonderful charity, who help very sick local children and their families.



## HOUSEPOINTS

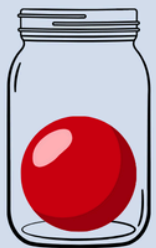


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Last, but definitely not least, I would like to thank the children who sang, and families who came to support, Mr Edgington and myself at our Induction Mass on Sunday. We were incredibly proud of the children who represented St Mary's with a wonderful rendition of our Mission Statement song and The Lord's my Shepherd. Thank you also to all the Governors who put so much work into organising the coffee and cake, and coming to support. It was a wonderful occasion and we both feel very blessed and touched by the support of our school and parish communities.

It has been a delight to hear the music performances this week from KS1 with the Djembe drums, and Blake and Hotham Classes on the Ukulele-the children have made great progress with their instruments and the singing sounded wonderful, Mr Chalk is a great teacher! Two more KS2 classes will have the opportunity to learn the Ukulele next term.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cole



Just a couple of photos from the Induction mass on Sunday, including our beautiful cake, courtesy of Mrs Claveria! The Governors have arranged for special Masses to be said for the Leadership of our school.



## Christmas Lunch - Deadline 5th December!

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 19th December. If you would like your child to have a hot school meal on the 19th December, this must be booked via ParentPay before midnight on the 5th December 2024. If you are not yet registered on ParentPay and wish your child to have a Christmas lunch, please make contact with the school office as soon as possible, so that they can print an activation letter for you.

# FSA UPDATE



As we come towards the end of the year, we would like to take the time to recognise all the hard work that our FSA puts in to organising events for the school and raising much needed funds to support our children. We would also like to thank all of you for your continued support and donations, it really does help!

So far this academic year the FSA fundraising has paid for the following:-

- £5000 - whole school music over the school year
- £230 - contribution towards LKS2 swimming
- £550 - £50 per class for class Christmas present
- £360 - purchase of a Globe for each classroom
- £200 - trial for new handwriting pens & refills
- £60 - contribution towards leavers hoodies
- £125 - purchase of DT resources



The school are very grateful for all the hard work and contributions to make this possible.

**On that note, we are still urgently looking for volunteers to help out at the Christmas Fair.**

**Please let us know if you can spare any time at all to help.**



**Thank You!**



**Our lovely new seating area!**