



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus

Stewardship, Teamwork, Agape, Respect

Term 3, Week 2 Friday 14th January—St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been our first full week back at school and St Mary's has been a hive of activity. The teachers have been working hard to prepare exciting lessons to introduce the children to new topics this term. Hopefully they have been sharing some of what they do with you at home.

This week, in our Gospel assembly (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) we reflected on the Baptism of the Lord, the children were asked to think about how they could show the Holy Spirit is working in them in the during week. I am pleased to share that I have seen kindness, love and generosity throughout many members of our school community. In particular, I was particularly proud of Alishba and Abbie(UJ3), who showed Agape through an act of kindness towards a younger child.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their school uniform, thank you to those of you who have ensured that they have returned to school in the correct uniform. On PE days, please send your child in wearing the correct PE kit, which can be found on our website.

Prior to attending an after school club, children are **not** permitted to wear their PE kit / football kits during the day,. They will be provided with a space to change into their kits before they start their club.

Second-hand uniform

If you have any good quality school uniform (with our school logo) that your children have grown out of, please consider donating them for our second hand uniform sale. There is a collection box in the main entrance to the school. All proceeds from the sales will be given to the school.

Drop off and pick up

As per my letter, Wednesday 12th January, from **Monday 17th January**, the routines are as follows:

- The gate will be open to all children from 8.40-50am. Parents of children of Early Years and Infants are permitted to walk their child around to their classroom door.
- 3.10pm - the gate will open for parents to pick up their children from the playground.
- 3.15pm –early Years will be dismissed onto the playground.
- 3.20pm - Infants and juniors will dismissed onto the playground.

Parents are responsible for their child once they have been dismissed from their teacher. We ask that the children stay off the play equipment, and refrain from busy playground or ride their scooters on the school premises.



Celebrations Assembly

Congratulations to the following children from for achieving the Star of the week on Friday 14th January 2022:

The children were:

Infant 1— Martha

Infant 2— Isabella

Infant 3— Lara

LJ1— Finley

JL2— Clara

LJ3— Raheel

UJ1— Jodeane

UJ2— Tomasz

UJ3— Abbie

Headteacher— Isaac (I1)

Infant RE lesson



In RE this week, the infants have been learning about the parable of the sower. They made their own gardens to represent the seeds falling on the path, weeds and good soil.



Welcome Mass

Mrs Akehurst will be attending St Joseph's Church, Sunday 23rd January at 11am to be welcomed into the parish. All families are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

COVID message

On Tuesday there was updated on the temporary pause of confirmatory PCR tests. As a reminder, you are only asked to take a follow up PCR test after a positive LFD test if you:

- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

have received a positive day 2 LFD after arriving into the UK

From **Monday 17 January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to GoodGym team for volunteering their time and of all their hard work to clear all the beds, as well as most of the grass in our Eco Garden.



Community sports clubs

INDOOR ROWING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB being hosted at **Maidenhead Rowing Club** by the Junior Strength & Conditioning coach, Darryl Preston B.Ed, P.E., BR Level 2, BR Go Row Indoor Cert. This programme is ideal for all 11 & 12 year old students interested in the sport of rowing.

Sessions are available in Term 3 for January and February 2022 for the Junior FRESHERS Indoor Rowing After School Club

All sessions will be hosted in the Erg room at:

MAIDENHEAD ROWING CLUB, River Road, Taplow, Buckinghamshire. SL6 0AT

