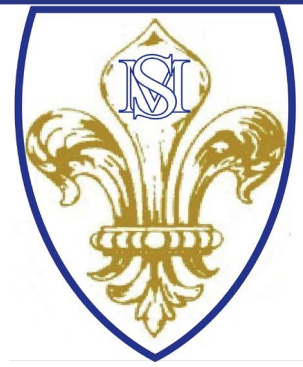


St Mary's News



9th September 2022

The week started with absolute joy in welcoming back such smiling, cheery faces on Monday morning and then we finish the week with the sad news of the Queen's death. Queen Elizabeth II has been our monarch for 70 years and for most of us, our entire lives. She served our country with dignity, poise and resilience – a huge role model to us all who will be sorely missed. We gathered together this morning to remember her with smiles, tears and prayers; the school chapel has been open all day for children and staff to reflect and for private prayer.

Please find our book of remembrance in the school foyer for you to add your thoughts and prayers.



The Nativity of Mary

We began our school year celebrating the birth of Mary or as Fr. Anthony described it – Mary's birthday! Years 2-6 attended mass representing the school beautifully as they listened to the gospel and sang our traditional Marion hymns beautifully. Thank you, Fr. Anthony, for leading us in prayer on this special Feast Day.

First Holy Communion

If your child is a baptised Catholic, in years 3-6 and they would like to make their First Holy Communion – now is the time! Please see Mrs Bishop in the school office for a form which is to be returned by **Friday 23rd September** – late forms will not be considered.

After school Clubs

We anticipate After School Clubs to start on Monday 12th September – please keep a look out for the forthcoming letter + detail.

3 Special People

On Monday 12th September your child will also bring home their letter explaining our new safeguarding initiative – 3 Special People. Please keep a look out for it.

Meet the teacher meetings.

Our "Meet the Teacher" event will be going ahead this year. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher to discuss the year ahead. All classes will meet in their classroom.

Y6 – 14th September 3.30pm – 4pm

Y5 – 15th September 3.30pm – 4pm

Y4 – 14th September 3.30pm – 4pm

Y3 – 14th September 3.30pm – 4pm

Y2 – 16th September 3.30pm – 4pm

Y1 – 16th September 3.30pm – 4pm

Reception – 21st September 3.30pm – 4pm

Nursery – 21st September 3.30pm – 4pm

We look forward to welcoming you.

School Values

A new school year is always a good time to take stock, readjust and evaluate what we do and how we want to move forward. After reading the children's school reports there were six key words which stood out: kindness, confidence, excellence, hardworking, respect and resilience.

In collaboration with the children these are our school values and children will be recognised and rewarded for demonstrating these.

Children will receive a certificate in Friday's Celebration assembly as well as a badge which illustrates the value. Given the solemnity of today's assembly we will begin this next week.

Family Tapestries

On Monday 12th September your child will bring home their Family Tapestry; strong parent partnerships and great relationships are the key to success and a vital part of this is knowing each other well. By completing the Family Tapestry, we are able to find out a little more about your child and your family – in turn you will find out a little more about us on the reverse!

All Family Tapestries are due back to school by Friday 23rd September – thank you for your support in this and I'm thoroughly looking forward to reading them.

I know you will all keep the Queen and her family in your prayers.
Have a peaceful weekend



Mrs V L McBrown
Headteacher



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of life you gave to Queen Elizabeth II.

We remember all the ways in which she cared for and loved others.

Please comfort and give strength to all who mourn at this time,

And remind them of the hope that you have prepared a place for the Queen.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.