



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents,

In the month of November we always help the children to focus on Remembrance, and this weekend the focus shifts for all of us from remembering those we have lost to the national ceremonies honouring the sacrifices made in war. Our Royal British Legion Poppy appeal has been very well supported by the children, and we thank you for the generosity they have been able to show.

Foodbank Collection

Please also don't forget those local to us who are in need at the moment. Our collection for the food bank remains open, and it will be the responsibility of our School Council members to organise and donate the items as we start Advent in a few weeks.

CAFOD

This Tuesday we were fortunate to receive a visit from Mark Scully, who talked to the children about the vital work that CAFOD are undertaking around the world. CAFOD will be our nominated charity for Advent.

Scholastic Book Fair

Don't forget that it is Book Fair next week! Books will be on sale after school in the hall. Please make sure that you collect your child from the school gate first, before coming in. There will be a wide choice of reading for all ages.

Pasta King – Tuesday 14th November

A representative from Pasta King is coming in to school to give the children a sample pot of some of their dishes. This will be served along with their lunches and will not go through the till. The lunchtime comment box will be out for all children to comment on whether they liked what they had, and if they would like to see this on future menus and theme days.

Pyjama Day – Friday 17th November

Next Friday will be our first fundraiser of the new term. All children are invited to wear pyjamas to school for the day, and bring in a donation that will form part of our Christmas fundraising. The suggested amount is £2. Some ideas: make sure your child is wrapped up warmly (still bring a coat), and if your child has PE on Friday, to remember to bring his or her kit to change into.

Assemblies and Liturgies

Many thanks to the children from Year 3, who I am told shared a wonderful Liturgy yesterday.

Here are the upcoming classes for Thursday liturgies and assemblies:

16th November – Class 6P

23rd November – Class 6G

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to in 3A, in 3E, in 4D, in 4T, in 5B, in 5C, in 6G and in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Nile in 3E and the swimmer of the week award goes to in . The Kindness Award this week goes to in .

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

Group A Strep (streptococci)

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Children with these symptoms should not attend school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>

FOOD BANK ITEMS

If you can donate any of the following items, please bring them *in bags* to the collection point at the School Office:

FOOD & DRINKS

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, squash, fruit juice (UHT), milk (UHT)

Sugar, Instant porridge oats, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, packet pulses, Baked Beans, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Soup, Instant soup, Pasta sauce, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Dried Pasta, Rice, Microwave rice pouches, Instant pasta meals, Instant noodles, Puddings like jelly, whips, sponge pudding (Must be longer life), tinned / instant custard, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit

Biscuits, Packs chocolate/small bags sweets, Savoury biscuits, Multipacks crisps

HOUSEHOLD

Laundry pods, Washing up liquid, Toilet rolls, Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Baby toiletries, Nappies size 5,6,7,8