



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PRAYER

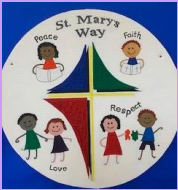
# HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO.24

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024



Dear parents/carers,

## LENT



We have been walking in the footsteps of Jesus this week and living in the St Mary's Way. This week we focused on **Peace**. We talked about all the ways we can all live in a peaceful way.

Jesus said,  
"Peace I give to you.  
My own peace I leave with you.  
A peace which no one else can offer,  
this is my gift to you.  
Don't ever let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
My gift to you is my peace."  
(based on John 14:27)

The children came up with some wonderful ideas – having kind hands, kind feet and kind words. We also talked about treating others the way we expected to be treated.

## Literacy and Art week

From the 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> of March we will have a Literacy and Art week. For the whole week all the children across the school will be using the same book as a starting point for their learning. The children will be taking part in various art activities, which will enable them to try many different techniques.

To end the week, we will be celebrating with our own world book day. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March the children can dress up as their favourite book character. I can't wait to see who they come as.

## St George Liturgy

*Next Wednesday at 9.15 is St George Class liturgy. Please come along and join this act of Prayer and Liturgy with your child.*

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## **EASTER RAFFLE**

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**YOU CAN GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FROM THE OFFICE OR IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL.**

**£1 FOR A STRIP OF 5 TICKETS. WE WILL ACCEPT CASH OR CARD.**

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### Golden Table

Mrs Fernandes had a lovely time on the Golden Table this week. It was a joy to spend time with children who have such good table

manners. This week she was joined by:

Daniel in St Andrew Class

Joshua in St George Class

Callum in St Bernadette Class

Reginald in St Therese Class

Chikezie in St Francis Class

Euodia in St Martin Class



*"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!"*

*S Catherine of Siena*

Dear Lord, please fill us with  
**enthusiasm**, to love you, to serve you  
and to help others to know you to.

Amen



On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March it is Mother's Day. We would like to invite all our lovely mummies in to celebrate and show you how much we love, care and appreciate all you do for your child.

Please come and join us for our Mother's Day assembly on Friday 8th march at 9.15.

And, of course our wonderful dads, and grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to join us for this celebration assembly.

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 25

8th<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear parents/carers,



St. Mary's  
Catholic Infant School

## LENT



We have been walking in the footsteps of Jesus this week and living in the St Mary's Way. This week we focused on **Respect**. We talked about all the ways we can all live in a peaceful way.

**Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you.**

**Treat others with the same respect.**

Matthew 7-12

The children came up with some wonderful ideas – helping others, so they will help us, holding doors open so they will hold a door open for us, listening to other so they listen to us.

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## St George Liturgy

*After a busy start to the week I was fortunate enough to be invited to St George Class Liturgy with the parents and children. What a peaceful and spiritual way to start a day. It was a lovely to gather together for this Prayer and Liturgy and think about all the times we gather together in Church. We were very lucky to be joined by Father Patrick who gave the children a blessing. He gave up his time after the liturgy so that the children to ask him some questions.*

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A huge well done to our wonderful Year 2 children who sang at the Croydon Music Festival on Tuesday evening at the Fairfield Halls. You sang beautifully, behaved exceptionally and really made St Mary's proud.

Another huge THANK YOU to Mrs Fernandes and Miss Miranda for all the hard work they put in practicing all those songs with the children and taking them to the rehearsals. And thank you to all the parents who volunteered to walk the children to the rehearsals in the pouring rain. We could not have done it without you. It was a real team effort.

### Golden Table

I had a lovely time on the Golden Table this week. It was a joy to spend time with children who have such good table manners. This week I was joined by:

Olumachi in St Andrew Class

Heavenly in St George Class

Ryan in St Bernadette Class

Aubrey in St Therese Class

Krishna in St Francis Class

Aliyah in St Martin Class

The children spoke so eloquently about what they like to eat at home and their favourite foods.



*"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us."*

*St Teresa of Calcutta*

*"It is giving that we receive."*

*St Francis of Assisi*

Dear Lord,

Thank you for **giving** your life for us. Thank you too for all the kind people in our community who show us your way of love and **self-giving**  
Amen

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Thank you for attending our Mother's Day Assembly this morning. It was lovely see so many of our wonderful mummies there. The children really enjoyed showing you how much they love, care and appreciate all you do for them. They are the children they are because of the way, you as parents, love care and nurture them. I hope you all get thoroughly spoilt and looked after on Sunday.

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 26

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We have had an exciting week this week. The children have really enjoyed Literacy and Art week, ending the week with a bang celebrating World Book Day. The children have been really excited and there has been so much talk about books, which is what we love to see and hear. It is so important that children have a love of books and are able to read. Reading sets them up for life.

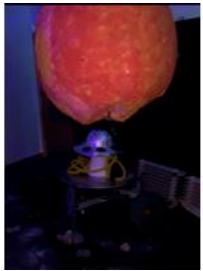


## Literacy and Art week

We have had a very successful week. As you know we had some strange visitors to the school, who landed with a loud bump! We have seen some fantastic writing all week from all the children from Nursery all the way to Year 2.

We all then read 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. Here is the link for you to share with your child at home.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHJE9vk\\_fmA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHJE9vk_fmA)



The Art work they have all produced, using space as a starting point has been amazing. As I've walked around the school I have seen star consolations in Nursery, aliens in Reception, flying saucers in Year 1, and moving pictures with intricate shading in Year 2. We have some really talented artists in this school.

## LENT



We have continued to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. This week we focused on the fourth and final part of our St Mary's Way - **Faith**. We talked about all the ways we can all live in a faithful way

**God so loved the world that he gave us his one and only Son,  
Whoever believes in him shall live an eternal life.**

John 3:16

The children came up with some wonderful ideas – helping others, so they will help us, holding doors open so they will hold a door open for us, listening to other so they listen to us.

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A huge well done, for the effort you all put in this week to celebrate World Book Day 2024. The children all looked fantastic dressed as their favourite character from a book and there was lots of excitement this morning as the children talked about who they had come to school as.

It was also wonderful to see how creative you all are with your potato characters, they look amazing. What talented parents and children we have here.

There are photos of today including the potato characters, on Seesaw for you to see.

### A missing Coat

I have been asked by Naomi's Mother (in St Therese Class) to ask parents to look out for Naomi's missing coat.

It is a school coat with the school logo on it, the initials **MRD** are in the pocket of the coat. It has either been picked up by another child in the playground or when Naomi attends sports club on a Thursday or Zumba on Tuesday. All the staff have checked the children coats but could we please ask that you check again at home- look in the pocket for the initials **MRD**. Many Thanks

### Golden Table

I had a lovely time on the Golden Table this week. It was a joy to spend time with children who have such good table manners. This week I was joined by:

Winnette in St Andrew Class

Zara in St George Class

Zara in St Bernadette Class

Sianna-Louise in St Therese Class

Beniel in St Francis Class

Avinash in St Martin Class

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*"Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus"*

*Pope Francis*

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**Dear Lord,**

**Thank you for giving your life for us and for calling us to **follow** you, so that our world may become a better place.**

**Amen**

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 27

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear parents / carers,

We are coming to the end of another term and although it has been a relatively short term the children have been extremely busy with their learning and have made good progress.

A reminder that on the last day of term, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, the Infant school closes at 1.45 and the Junior school finished at 2.00

As we enter Holy week, on our last week of term, we will be thinking about the Easter story.

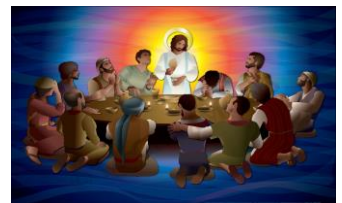
## **RE Day**

**On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March we will be having our RE day. The children will be visiting different classrooms and teachers to learn about the various parts of the Easter Story.**

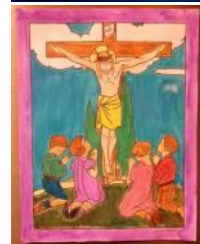
When the children visit Year 1 they will be learning about Palm Sunday. The time when Jesus rode through Jerusalem and palms were placed in his path.



When they go to Year 2 the children will be learning about the Last Supper, where Jesus shared his last meal with his disciples and washed their feet.



When the children visit Reception, they will be learning about Good Friday. When Jesus died on the cross to sacrifice his own life so we can all be forgiven our sins.



**The children will be completing a range of learning throughout the day to embed the story and be able to retell the Easter Story, which is one of the most important dates in the Catholic calendar.**

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## **Fratelli Tutti**

This is a letter from Pope Francis, based on internal love; Fratelli Tutti means 'Brother and Sisters'.

Pope Francis wants us to work on a shared dream for our Global Family – working towards Peace. He wants to open up the world so we can meet other people and different cultures. He feels that even with modern technology we have stopped listening to one another and are becoming more divided. He wants to 'Dream a New Dream'. Where we see everyone as a Brother or a Sister and care for every man and woman, young and old with the same care as the Good Samaritan. Fraternal loves, goes beyond all boundaries calling us to reach out and to help others in need, no matter how far away they are, or which group of people they belong to. We need to dream together and work for the good of everyone, helping those who need it. We need to think of ourselves as 'A Single Family, Living in a Common Home'



So, listening to Pope Francis words we will be taking part in Cafod's Big Lent Walk. Each year group will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for Cafod. All the money we raise will go to Cafod. This money in turn goes to help those people around the world who are less fortunate than us and for those who need our help. So please donate so we can show others what we are called to do- love and help our brothers and sister around the world.

To donate please follow this link

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-catholic-infant-school-lent-walk-24>

Or just click on the QR code below.



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Isabella in St Therese Class

David in St Francis Class

Jaivy in St Martin Class

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