



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents,

As the half term holiday fell slightly earlier than it normally does this year, we were able to talk to the children in school about the importance of reflecting on the feast today, All Saints' Day, and tomorrow's feast, All Souls' Day. We are reassured that our earthly lives are not the end, and at the same time remember all the saints who have gone before us, lighting the way.

We have now officially begun our month of reflection and remembering all those dear to us who have gone to encounter the Father in heaven.

### Remembrance Book

Our Remembrance Book will remain on the altar in the school hall for the month of November. If you have recently departed loved ones and wish to add their name, please ask at the school office. Alternatively, you can ask your child to write names in for you. Please make sure that if they do, they know how to spell full names of loved ones correctly.

### Year 2 Parents' information meeting

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed the parents of children currently in Year 2 and explained the process of applying for a place at the Junior School. If you know of any friends who were unable to make it to the meeting, please remind them that application packs can be collected directly from the Infant School.

### The Ragged School Museum

On Thursday, the children of Year 4 went to visit The Ragged School in East London. This is a really interesting immersive experience and the children learned a lot about what it must have been like for poor children in London in the Nineteenth Century.

<https://raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk/>

### Assemblies and Liturgies

There was no class assembly or liturgy this week because the children of Year 4 were visiting the Ragged School in East London. However, we were delighted that the Faith Leaders from Year 6 asked to present an assembly of their own to the younger children. They spoke really well about Human Dignity, which is their Catholic Social Teaching (CST) theme for this year. It was humbling to hear them speak so eloquently. Congratulations to Ivy and Osanna who worked so hard on this.

### Unclaimed lost property

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



Another reason  
to choose us.



Since our return after the half term holiday, we have had a real drive to return lost property to children. Thank-you to all parents who remember to name equipment – it makes things much easier. Unfortunately, one of the items that is lost and returned the most is water bottles. We have a large number that have been available at the front of the school for four weeks now and are unclaimed. All bottles that are still unclaimed on Monday will be recycled.

### Looking ahead: Maths Week, 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November

Mrs Desouza has planned lots of exciting and thought-provoking activities for Maths Week England, which takes place in mid-November.

Parents are warmly welcomed to a Coffee Morning at 9.30am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November when all matters mathematical will be discussed and our children will be presenting their maths skills to parents.

### Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Beniel in 3A, Kaial in 3E, Indu in 4D, Lael in 4T, Zachary in 5B, Jessita in 5C, Ivy and Osanna in 6G and Diwana in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Daniella in 3E. The kindness award goes to Racheal in 4D.

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.**

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