

## Autumn Term 2024

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – St Francis Class Liturgy

Mr François-Williams had the pleasure of attending St Francis Class Liturgy on Wednesday. Here is what he said - "It was a lovely prayerful and reflective liturgy where all the children considered new beginnings and how God is with them and they never need to be worried or afraid.

It was a very peaceful way to start the day with all the parents and children coming together in prayer.

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – St Martin Class Liturgy

Mr. François-Williams had the pleasure of attending the St. Martin Class Liturgy this week, as I was unfortunately at another meeting. He shared with me that both the class and parents participated in a beautiful Prayer and Liturgy focused on new beginnings. Some of the new children to our school were understandably nervous and it was heart-warming to see the wonderful support and encouragement they received from both parents and their classmates. It was a heart-warming example of how we come together as a school community to nurture and care for one another. Rest assured, all the prayers in the basket will be prayed for.

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – St Andrew Class Welcome Liturgy

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – St George Class Welcome Liturgy

It was lovely to start the day on Tuesday with St Andrew Class and their parents at their Welcome Liturgy.

On Thursday morning I had another spiritual start to the day with St George Class and their parents at their Welcome Liturgy.

All the children were very calm and spiritual and have really begun to behave in the St Mary's Way.

It was very touching to hear from all the parents as to why their child is so precious to them.

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest of Hope Prayer and Liturgy



Our whole school community contributed to our Harvest of hope this year, children and parents made donations and we spoke with the children about our hopes for a fair world for all. They believe that everyone should be able to have access to food and water, so as part of our Harvest Festival of HOPE, as in previous years, these donations were delivered to the church to support their food bank.

As part of our Prayer and Liturgy parents were invited to join us with one parent reading the Gospel, Father Patrick leading the prayer and blessing the children and the children in each year group all performed a short song to remind us of the importance of Harvest. Here are some of the children's responses, they show how deeply our children think and care of others.

"I hope everyone has food"

"I hope wars come to an end every time it starts"

"I Hope everyone is happy"

"My hope is to live the way God wants us to live. And to save God's world and all his animals"

"My hope is to help the poor and I will live the way God wants us to live to make the world a better place".

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Mark Scully came in from the charity Cafod to talk to KS1 children about the wonderful work that Cafod do for people around the world. The children asked some amazing question about Cafod's work and came up with ways they could help their brothers and sisters around the world.

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

A visit from the charity Mary's Meals. Which is a charity we will be supporting this year. We heard about how Marys Meals serves nutritious meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Mary's Meals charity is already feeding 2.4 million children every school day, together with our help we can help them reach the next hungry child. Did you know, that to

feed a child for a whole year, in some of these poorest countries, it only cost £19.15. I was amazed at how cheap that is. This year as part of our Catholic Social Teachings and thinking about Pope Francis's letter 'Fratelli Tutti' (Fraternal Love,) we want to show how we care for our brothers and sisters around the world and help our global family. He told us that Mary's Meals collects any foreign currency you may have lying around at home. So, if you have any old foreign currency please bring it into school and we will begin our collection.