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St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Grateful and Generous'



13th May 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been SATs week for Year 6 and the children all did wonderfully. We were extremely proud of how the children conducted themselves. They were a credit to you. Next week (week beginning 16th May 2022), Year 2 will be taking their SATs. These assessments will take place in the normal classroom settings with the adults they normally work with. As this is an important week for the children in Year 2, please ensure that they are in every day and on time.

Our week in school concluded with a Freaky Friday swap day, where staff dressed as pupils, and pupils dressed as teachers. This was good fun! In our prayer time, we continue to devote our prayers to honour Mary, mother of God and we set aside time to pray the Holy Rosary. We wish you a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Miss Price

Pilgrimage to the Cross

John 10: 27-30

Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me; listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus wants us to listen to his voice,
- We need to be able to recognise his voice amongst all other 'voices' that compete for our attention,
- We know Jesus' voice because he is our friend - we know our friends' voices.

Dear Jesus,

We love celebrating the new life you bring at Easter. We are an Easter people and "Alleluia" is our song! Thank you that you are a Good Shepherd. When we listen to your voice you lead us to good things. Help us to recognise your voice.

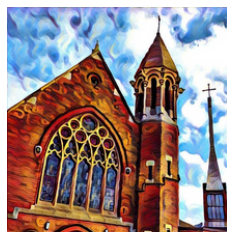
Give us the courage to follow you.

Amen

Catholic Life in School

Reception Mass - 4th Week of Easter

On Wednesday, Reception class led our Mass for the 4th week of Easter. They were accompanied by Year 1 and Year 2. All children read and sang beautifully.



Y5 Mass in Church - 18.5.22 at 9:15am - 5th Week of Easter

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 18th May 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am.

Year 5 pupils and staff will be leading us in our Mass. Parents from Year 5 are welcome to attend. **(If you are an adult attending Mass, we ask that you continue to please wear face coverings and to sit in the old part of the Church on the left hand side).**

This week's news

Year 6 were amazing this week whilst completing their SATs. Every child was in on time for breakfast club and tried their hardest. We couldn't be prouder. Thank you to all the staff who helped out at breakfast club. Yet, it wasn't all tests for Year 6: the children have enjoyed their revision breaks, and celebrating the completion of SATs with ice lollies and a movie treat.



The children were given the very difficult task of shortlisting their favourite Platinum Jubilee Portraits.



Thank you to everyone for all of the fantastic entries to the Platinum Portraits competition. Madame Baille and Mrs McConnell struggled to pick but managed to make a selection of fantastic finalists. The final decision will be made by the Harborne Village BID.



Reception news: -

Reception class learnt about how to keep safe online and they now have fish to take care of.



Year 1 news: -

In Science, Year 1 have been busy planting this afternoon. They have planted dill seeds!
We cannot wait to see how they grow.



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been leading the teaching about significant pioneers. We have historians in the making.



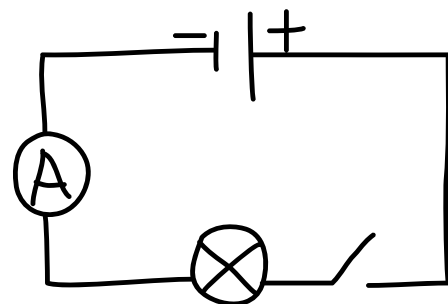
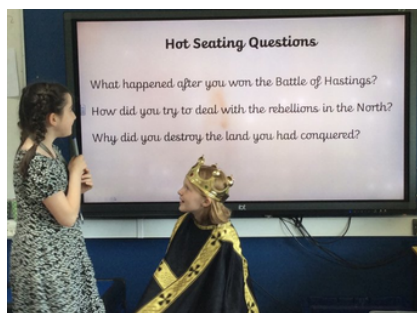
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 really enjoyed their First Holy Communion Retreat and planning their own collective worship



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 continue to enjoy their history topic and questioning William the Conqueror about his win at the Battle of Hastings. They have also started their new Electricity Unit in Science.



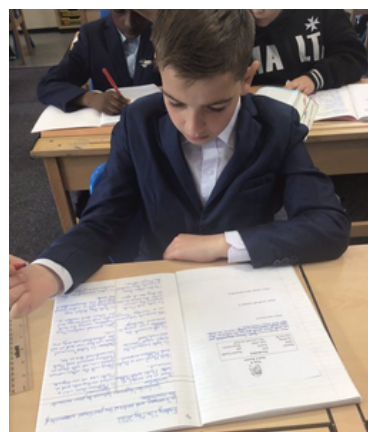
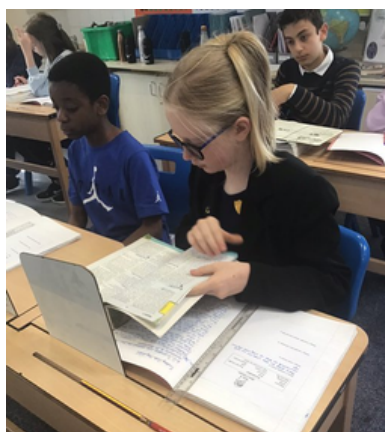
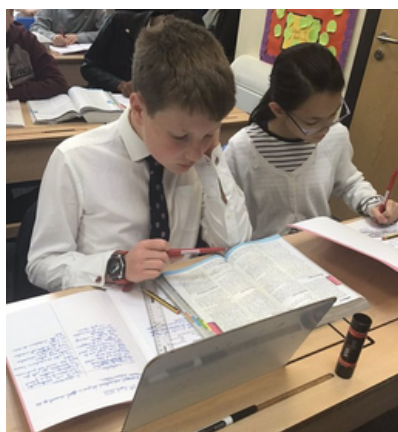
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been evaluating and making Mexican food! They made salsa and guacamole, and then quesadillas.



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 explored the four Gospel accounts of the resurrection comparing similarities and differences

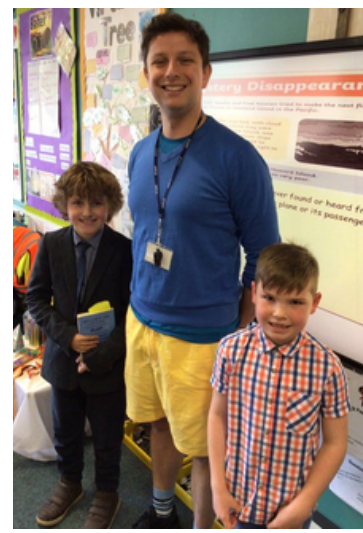


CAFOD Live Simply Award - Miss Kopera is leading our gardening club with Y1.



The School Council led on today's fundraiser to raise money for an outdoor water fountain. In a Freaky Friday Clothes Swap - the children came dressed as the teachers and the staff came dressed as the pupils.





Great work School Council - they have already met to plan their next fundraiser

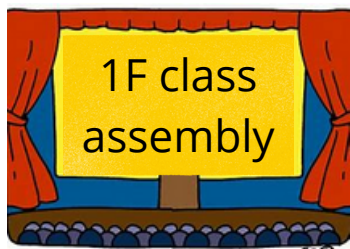


Next Week



Warwick Castle Trip for Year 1

Year 1 are currently learning about traditional tales and castles. On Tuesday 17th May 2022, they will be going to Warwick Castle. The coach will be leaving promptly from school at 9am, so please make sure that your children are on time. The children are due back at school at the slightly later time of 4pm.



On Friday 20th May 2022, 1F parents are invited to attend school to watch their children in their class assembly. Covid restrictions have lessened, but please do not come in to school if you are feeling unwell, and follow PPE advice if vulnerable. Thank you.





JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be having a celebration and well-being day on Friday 27th May. Children will be able to come in to school wearing red, white and blue. On this day, the children will receive a free specially produced book that will mark this very special occasion.

Little parties will be taking place in the classrooms that day and children are allowed to bring in their own snacks and treats to enjoy!

This is a very special occasion in the UK as Queen Elizabeth has been the Queen for 70 years, and is the longest serving monarch ever in UK history.

Lots of special events are taking place over the half-term holiday around the country and on the television to mark this, and there are going to be two bank holidays on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June.



Parish News

St Mary's Church will retain all its Covid precautions for the foreseeable future, despite widespread relaxations.

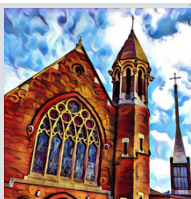


Friday morning adoration

Every Friday after 8:30am Mass, St Mary's will now have a dedicated half hour session in order to worship and adore the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to join for this private and special time with the Lord.

9:00am - 9:30am



The About Being Catholic (ABC)

The About Being Catholic programme is for those interested in knowing what Catholics believe in order to help the children with their faith, will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the St Mary's Parish Centre, - with masks and social distancing.



St. Mary's Church is open 8:00am - 4:00pm every day

The Church is open for private prayer, candles at Shrines and personal Stations of the Cross.

We are an operation encompass school. Therefore school is working alongside the police to ensure support for any child who has been involved in or witness to domestic abuse.

Please find more information about this on our website or contact the school office.

Pastoral Team

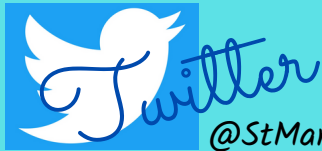
If you require any support from school please speak to a member of our pastoral team



Online Safety

Keep your children safe online

This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme was loneliness. Child net advocate that the Internet, when used safely and appropriately can help young people feel a sense of belonging and inclusion. The links below can be used to explore online safety, mental health and well-being. For any support with these issues or further advice, please speak to a member of the pastoral team.



@StMaryB17

Stay up to date with everything that is happening at St. Mary's by following us on our Twitter Page and giving us more likes!!!

- <https://www.childnet.com/blog/checking-in-this-mental-health-awareness-week/>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health>

Support and services at St Mary's and in the wider community...

On Tuesday 17th May, starting 2:45pm, we are hosting, in the school hall, a drop-in session for parents, where you will have the opportunity to find out more about the support and services, that are available to you at St. Mary's and within the local area.

During the session, a range of people will be available for you to talk to, including:-

- St Mary's pastoral team
- Pupil and School Support Services
- Gateway family services
- St Mary's SLT
- St Mary's SENDCo
- Parent and Teachers Association (PTA)
- After school provision - Kidz.comm

This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about the range of help and support available to you. It is also a good opportunity to speak with staff, if you have any concerns, and to be signposted towards services if you need more specific support.

We look forward to welcoming you (with refreshments of course).

Dates for next term

WB 16.5.22 - all week -

17th May 2022 - 2:45-3:45pm

18th May 2022 - 9:15am -

20th May 2022 - 9:15am -

24th May 2022 - 8:45-10:00 -

24th May - 7:00pm -

25th May 2022 - 8:45-10:00 -

25th May 2022 - 9:30am -

26th May 2022 - 8:45-10:00 -

27th May 2022 - all day

27th May 2022 - 9:15am -

27th May 2022 - normal time -

8th June 2022 - 9:15am

14th June 2022 - 7:00pm

15th June 2022 - 9:15am

16th June - all day

16th June 2022 - 7:00pm

21st June 2022 - 7:00pm

23rd June 2022 - 7:00pm

Y2 SATs Week

Parent Early Help Drop-in session in school

Y5 Mass in Church (Y5 parents welcome)

Y1F Class Assembly in school (Y1F parents welcome)

Reception parents maths workshop with the children in class

Y6 children Confirmation Mass

Reception parents maths workshop with the children in class

Whole School Mass in Church for Ascension and crowning of Mary (parents too)

Reception parents maths workshop with the children in class

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations - wear red, white and blue

Y1L Class Assembly in school (Y1L parents welcome)

Break up for Whitsun week

Y4 Mass in Church (Y4, Y3 parents welcome)

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 1

Y2 Mass in Church (Y2, Y1 and YR parents welcome)

School photographer in school all day

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 2

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 3

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 4

Do not book holidays during term time

Summer 1

Tuesday 3rd May – Children return to school

Thursday 5th May - Closed for Local Election Day

Ends: Friday 27th May

Half-Term:

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Summer 2

Starts: Monday 6th June

Tuesday 5th July - INSET - Children NOT in School

Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

Friday 22nd July - Closed for Queen's Jubilee

Summer Holidays:
Start Monday 25th July 2022

This is a reminder that holidays during term time are unauthorised. If you intend to take your child out of school during term time, we ask that you complete a holiday request form at least 2 weeks prior to the leave date where possible. Parents may be fined by the Local Authority for taking unauthorised leave of absence. Children need to be in school every day so please ensure holidays are only booked during school holiday time. Term dates are on this newsletter and on the website.

Attendance and Punctuality: -

Good attendance, after the disruptions of the last two years, continues to be a school and government priority. During Parent consultations, staff will be giving out your child's attendance this term and discussing any concerns. Remember below 95% is a concern and below 90% is classed as persistent absence. If you have any problems with regards to getting your child to school or you are struggling to improve your child's attendance, please speak to Miss Price or Mrs. Davis.

Week 3rd May – 6th May

Class	YRF	YRL	Y1F	Y1L	Y2F	Y2L	Y3F	Y3L	Y4F	Y4L	Y5F	Y5L	Y6F	Y6L
%	87.8%	95.6%	100%	91.7%	88.3%	94.4%	100%	95%	96%	96.2%	98.9%	91.1%	97.2%	96.1%
Lates	6	1	0	2	4	6	0	2	2	3	1	1	3	5
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.5%		School Target				97%		

Well done Y1F and Y3F: - our Attendance Champions



Congratulations to the following children who have shone in school over the last week:

Year RL	Max	fantastic independent writing about Jack and the Beanstalk
Year RF	Eliana	listening carefully and producing a good Jack and the Beanstalk story
Year 1L	Abby	showing a good attitude and behaviour
Year 1F	Ioan	enthusiasm and beautiful singing during Hymn Practice
Year 2L	Abigail	always completing work on time and to a high standard
Year 2F	Gabriele	singing his heart out in music lessons
Year 3L	Jack	kindness towards everybody and being so helpful
Year 3F	Amber	always having a positive attitude to learning
Year 4L	Sam	consistently showing excellent behaviour and always trying his best
Year 4F	Emily	fantastic effort and improvement when writing debates this week
Year 5L	Grace	showing confidence and determination in PE
Year 5F	Remi-Mae	lovely balance routine in gymnastics
Year 6L	Bobbie	approaching all SATs exams conscientiously
Year 6F	Jasmine	excellent effort and resilience in her SATs this week

