

# St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank the staff at our wonderful school. This week my other school, Royston St John Baptist, had an Ofsted inspection; this meant that Ms Steele, Mrs Goodyear and myself had to be at Royston for the vast majority of the week as we take on executive positions across the two schools. Staff at St Mary's were brilliant and ran the book fair in the absence of Ms Steele, organised collective worships and supported with additional cover at lunch times- we truly are a wonderful community. I would also like to thank our Deputy CEO, Mrs Gulliver, and our lead practitioners of the trust who came and supported at St Mary's in mine and Ms Steele's absence. This report will be available in a few weeks for anyone who would like to read this online.

Our book fair raised an impressive £470.70. This was exchanged for books from the fair; Ms Wood and the Year 6 librarians had a wonderful time selecting these texts for our book shelves. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the 'Big Giant Breakfast Day'- 3 children from every class were drawn at random to select a book. We hope all children enjoyed their free lunch this day and are encouraged to try our school meal option again soon. Please remember that we do encourage child to bring in healthy packed lunches if they choose this option. Children must not bring any nut-based products into school as we have children in school with serious nut allergies.

The school was a sea of yellow today as we promoted 'Mental Health Day' in school. The children all took part in a variety to activities to promote well-being. Please see Twitter for photos. Thank you to Miss Bell for her organisation of this within school.

It is also the last few days of our 'Extreme Reading' competition. Please get your entries in before Friday of this week. Our school council will be judging this. We are delighted to see so many of you reading at home. Reading really is the key to success in all areas of the curriculum so please read frequently at home. We will be starting a new reading incentive from next week in school where we will be giving books away as prizes for those reading at home.

## [ROBINWOOD](#)

For children in Years 4 and 6 that are attending Robinwood next year – final payments will be required on ParentPay as well as transport payment.

## [Harvest donations](#)

If you would like to donate any food to the Harvest Festival Mass please send in any foods that will keep so they can be donate to members of our community that will truly appreciate your donations. We thank you for your generosity.

## Diary Dates

### **OCTOBER**

Reception Class phonics workshop 12<sup>th</sup> 5pm (Please arrive at the main school office)

Year 6 author event on Zoom with Phil Earle 14<sup>th</sup>

Library visit Year 4 18<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 phonics workshop 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm (Please arrive at the main school office)

Reading Curriculum Meeting Year 2 upwards 20<sup>th</sup> 9am (Please arrive through the hall doors)

Harvest Festival Mass in School – 20<sup>th</sup> October - children only

Autumn Disco 21<sup>th</sup> October in school time (sweet cups available for £1 each- dress down and party dress- no costumes please)

Last day before half term 21<sup>th</sup> October

### **NOVEMBER**

Flu Immunisations Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – please see form sent 15/09/2022 for online consent

Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip - Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov (Details shared nearer the time)

Year 2 author event on Zoom with Alex Willmore 2<sup>nd</sup>

Library visit Year 6 3<sup>rd</sup>

TT Rockstar Day (Dress up as a rockstar -back by popular demand by staff!) 4<sup>th</sup> November

Parents Evening 16<sup>th</sup> November (More details to follow times will run between 3-7pm)

Advent Mass in school 29<sup>th</sup> (children only)

### **December**

Rocksteady concert 10am 6<sup>th</sup> (for children's parents/carers/grandparents taking part in rocksteady music sessions)

Christingle service at St Paul's whole school (children only)

W/c 12<sup>th</sup> concert week!

Thank you for your continued support. We have had an excellent start to the new academic year, and I am so excited about the year ahead!

Yours sincerely,

L. Spencer  
Executive Headteacher

R. Steele  
Deputy Headteacher