



St. Mary's  
Catholic Federation



## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 - Autumn Term

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**Executive Headteacher, Mrs S Hulme. Chair of Governors, Mr B Tomkins**

**Safeguarding Statement:** This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

**Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. S Hulme Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.**

**Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs H Nicholls, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to congratulate Year 6 pupils on being awarded their privilege ties. This celebration was virtual but non the less important in sharing the significance of this next year for them. It will be a year of transition for them as they prepare for their next stage of entering high school. We also congratulate the new Head Boy and Girl, Kayne H and Tonielle B-B. We are confident in them being able to promote the School positively. Sports Captains were also announced. We told the children how proud we are of them and how much trust we have in them in being tremendous role models for the younger children. We don't know what is in store this next year but we do know that these young people need our support and guidance at this crucial time in their development.

Congratulations also goes to Mrs Roberts as the school has been nominated by Sutton Music Service Cognus Limited to become a Music Mark School for the tremendous work done in promoting new talent and music. This is really amazing and reflects the value of music at St. Mary's.

As we move into the cooler season of autumn we do see a change in temperature and more cases of common coughs and colds - Please take this as an opportunity to promote healthy foods and encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables - good luck and don't forget to reduce the items high in sugar and salt too.

### Spirituality

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"What matters is not great deeds, but great love. Holiness is an everyday thing."*

*"Let us not grow tired of prayer: confidence works miracles."*

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October was the Feast Day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. This much loved saint and Doctor of the Church gives us a wonderful example of how to live out our faith in a simple, unassuming and very practical way. She had absolute confidence in God which enabled her to be courageous and determined. This week, Little Way Week, we have been following her example by doing little things with love.

**"When I have a problem I ask the saint (Thérèse) not to solve it, but to take it in her hands and help me accept it." (Pope Francis)**

St. Thérèse of Lisieux – pray for us!

## News for the week

### Year 6 - News

This week in Year 6, has been a very exciting week.

On Tuesday all the children received their privilege ties and badges in an online assembly. Mrs Hulme and Mr Tomkins joined the Year 6 team for the occasion and the children heard from an inspirational past pupil. With much excitement, they then received their ties and prefect badges and finally made their privilege promises. The Year 6 team know that all the children are going to be excellent ambassadors for St Mary's and we congratulate them and wish them luck in their year ahead. We are also pleased to announce that Tonielle B-B and Kayne H will be our Head Girl and Boy team for the year.

We have had further excitement today where during the end of day House Points Assembly, the Year 6 House Captains for the year were announced. In Fisher the team is Caitlin F and Olivia K, in Becket the team is Eamonn R and Kai T, in Clitheroe the team is Isla O and Xaiver L-F-S and in Moore the team is Dominic C and Millie N.

Congratulations to all!

### Respectful Parking and Scooting

The school has received a letter of complaint from a local resident regarding parents and carers of St Mary's who do not park considerately in the neighbouring roads and notification of those who commit an offence by scooting or cycling illegally on the pavements.

We do understand the difficulties particularly when it's raining but once again we are asking you to be considerate. It seems as if the residents are taking details of these occurrences and will be reporting the issues to the council and the police.

### No dogs allowed in school

Please remember no dogs are allowed on site and consideration for others not to let them soil the alleyway if it's used when walking your dog.

### Food Bank

We continue to collect food for the local Foodbanks with your help

### PTA AGM

Please note the date for the PTA AGM of 7<sup>th</sup> October, as notified on last week's newsletter. This was postponed from the summer term due to the COVID situation. Future planning will consider alternate ways to bring the community together again and are always interested in your input. Do attend the AGM if you are able, more information will be sent to you in the coming week.

### Summer Reading Competition

Congratulations to **Aurora J** who received a certificate from the Reading Agency for competing in the Summer Reading Challenge. She was also awarded a medal and two books for our school library: "Octopants" and "You Can't take an Elephant on the Bus". Thank you to all who took part in this challenge and for representing our school.