

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 17th September - Autumn 1 Term

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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: Miss M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

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



Dear Parent and Carers,

Firstly, thank you all for your support in making the Welcome to St Mary's successful this last week. We all are of the same mind, that we are all greatly appreciating the opening up of the schools to families, enabling us to be on track once again of having a thriving learning community. Long may it continue. The next meet up will be Parent Consultation meetings in October.

The PTA are hard at work planning new events - please keep an eye out for new information. Once again, we reiterate how the children have settled into school routine whilst enjoying some outside activities during this end of the summer.

Spirituality

Sunday 19th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are now about half way through the Season of Creation, a time when the Christian community is invited to pray and act together to protect our common home. The children have been thinking especially about this, during Sing and Praise at the Infant School and Hymn Practice at the Junior School. This season comes to an end on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, but we pray that our care for our world will continue each and every day.

All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature as we journey towards your
infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.
*A prayer for our earth was published in Pope
Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'. It is for all who
believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.*

Table Talk Topic for this week - Would you rather help set the table before dinner or help clean up after dinner?

News for the week

Father Luke's Gate, Pound Street

Please be aware that no parking or dropping off is allowed outside on the pavement of Father Luke's house, this is putting the safety of all children and adults at risk and contravenes the road safety act.



Safeguarding Alert!

Please accept a polite reminder that for the reasons of safeguarding, mobile phones are not allowed to be used anywhere within the school grounds.

Gaelic Football Tournament

Congratulations to all of the St. Mary's children who played in the Gaelic Football Tournament on Friday, there were some great match results from all age groups.

Well done to you all!



Walk to School Day

As part of our learning in Personal, Social, Health and Economic education, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to take part in the 'Car Free Day' taking place this year on Wednesday 22nd September 2021. The Healthy Streets Car Free Day aims to encourage less travel in cars and more walking and cycling. On this day, if you usually use a car to and from school, we would encourage you to think of an alternative way. Maybe you could walk to school, or you could ride a bike or take a bus, or you could even just park a little further away from school and walk extra distance on this day. Taking part in activities such as this contribute to our accreditation awards through the TfL STARS initiative. Many thanks in advance for your support.

NO Dogs

Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.



Cycling / Scooters

We once again ask parents to supervise the younger children in the school grounds. Scooting and cycling is not permitted for children or adults in the school grounds due to safety reasons, particularly not on the road ways.

Keep our children safe.



Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=25.6>