

Newsletter

Issue 4

27th September 2019

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com/>

Key Dates w/c 30th September

30th Sept: Bag2Schools: please bring in donation bags

2nd Oct: Year 2 visit to Colchester Castle

3rd Oct: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm

4th Oct: Year 6 Messy Messiah singing workshop

Tweet of the Week



"We are called to be witnesses and messengers of God's mercy, to offer the world light where there is darkness, hope where despair reigns, salvation where sin abounds."

Pope Francis @pontifex

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Invitation to Year 6 parents

On Monday 30th September at 3.30pm Mr Baker, Headteacher from St Alban's will be coming into school to meet Year 6 parents and children to talk about the transition to high school. More information is included in the letter from Mr Baker at the end of this newsletter.

Important reminder: Snacks and Allergies

Please may we remind parents that due to a child being severely allergic, please **do not give your child Nutella/chocolate spread sandwiches or any nut items to bring into school**. Thank you. Also, if you are supplying your child with a morning snack item, please ensure that it is **fruit only**.

Data Collection forms

If you have not yet completed, updated, signed and returned data collections forms to the school office, please could you do so as a matter of urgency. We must have current, correct information on our records to ensure we can contact you should there be an emergency. Thank you.

M & M Theatre Production - The Railway Children for whole school

I am afraid that we do not have enough contributions for the M & M Theatre as yet. Can we ask that, if you haven't already paid the £4.00 and are able to do so, please could payment be made by the beginning of next week at the latest (as we may have to cancel the production for the whole school if enough contributions have not been received).

Diwali Dance Celebration - whole school

Payment of £3.00 for the Diwali Dance Celebration are due by **27th September please**. Again, it would be appreciated if payment could be made by the beginning of next week at latest so that we can ascertain whether we have enough contributions to go ahead with this event. Thank you.

If there are any issues with paying please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 2 visit to Colchester Castle on Wednesday 2nd October

Year 2 will be visiting Colchester Castle on Wednesday 2nd October. The coach will be leaving school promptly at 9am and we expect to be back by the end of the school day, depending on traffic. The children will need to bring a packed lunch please (with a bottle of water), wear their school uniform and bring a coat in case the weather is unpredictable.

Year 6 Open Mornings at St Alban's 8th and 9th October

If you are taking your child to one of the above mornings, please ensure you email or call us let us know so that we can mark the register accordingly, and let us know whether your child will require school meal or be bringing in a packed lunch. Thank you. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter which gives more details and contact details for St. Alban's in relation to booking tours on their Open Mornings.



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
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Open Morning
9.30am on Wednesday 30th October
Open Afternoon
1.30pm on Thursday 31st October

for prospective parents of children starting school in September 2020

There will be an opportunity to meet our Head of School Mrs Berry,
find out more about St Mary's
and have a short tour of our school

Please call the school office on 01473 728372 to book onto one of the sessions

Year 2 and Year 5 RE Share

Year 2 and Year 5 have both been learning lots about God's creation in R.E.

Year 5 made some beautiful story books detailing what happened during the 7 days of Creation and shared these with Year 2. Year 2 then showed the year 5's their lovely prayers and storyboards that they had written. What fantastic R.E. work! Well done Year 2 and 5! *Miss Godbold and Mrs Veitch*



Fundraising

This term the Fundraising Committee would like to involve every class in a group activity. The charity **Action for Churches in Need (ACN)** is working hard to support families and children who have been forced to leave their homes through war or natural disaster.



They have a programme called **Maisy Milk** where each class uses an empty milk bottle to collect spare change. The Fundraising Committee have decorated bottles and presented the project at Assembly today.

Through a simple act of bringing in any spare change they (or you!) have, just a few pennies here and there, the children can feel pride in being part of the wider community, taking action to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Showing kindness, being an active citizen in our local and wider communities is a big priority at St Mary's and I know you will support this project generously. When your child brings in a donation, please remind them to put it in the collection bottle **FIRST THING** in the morning, to save any worries and frantic searches later in the day. *Miss Mudd and the Fundraising Committee*

Reminders

Safeguarding: collecting your child/children at the end of the day

Please make sure that you come into the playground to collect your child at the end of the school day. You will have seen that the children now line up with their teacher in front of their relevant class number painted on the brick wall in the playground. Please ensure you collect your child/children promptly, and move away from the line so that the teacher can see clearly the children still waiting in the line. If your child is being collected by someone other than their regular person, please ensure you write a note in their home school diary. Children will not be released to another adult at the end of the day without your written permission. This includes waiting in your car whilst another parent collects your child. In cases where arrangements are changed during the school day, the office must be notified **by 2pm** that day. If your child is not attending a session of their after-school club for any reason, please write in the home school diary and let the school office know.

Lost Property

Please ensure all items of your child/children's clothes are clearly labelled. We do not keep a traditional 'lost property box' but try to return unclaimed items as soon as possible to their owners – this is only possible if there are names on the items. Unclaimed items are eventually given to the PTA for recycling or thrown away.



Jewellery

Jewellery is not appropriate for school wear. Pupils with pierced ears may wear small studs but these need to be removed for PE. If a child is unable to remove their earrings due to initial healing time, micropore tape (or equivalent) needs to be provided for the child to cover their earrings please.

National Child Measurement Programme - Year 6 and Reception

A National Child Measurement Programme letter was sent via Parentmail on 18th September to all parents of Year 6 children and to parents of Reception children born between 1st Sept and 31st December 2014. Please read the letter carefully as it contains important information. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation reminder

All years received letter dated 9th September regarding flu immunisation. Please follow the link on the letter, and given again below, to confirm or decline the flu immunisation for your child/children

<https://tinyurl.com/yxa85r2h> The link will close on the 28th October. The nurse will be coming into school on 4th November to give the vaccines. Thank you.

Friends of St Mary's PTA News

Bag2School Fundraising

Please take the opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles to help raise funds for school. Please bring your bag(s) into the school playground for PTA to collect on **Monday 30th September**. Many thanks for your support.



FOSM AGM

The Friends of St Mary's is on **AGM on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm** in the school. We will be discussing exciting events planned for the coming school year and an update on our fundraising project to develop the outdoor learning spaces. Please do come along and support. It's really important we have enough people helping with these fundraising events so they can take place. Whether you're a new parent to the school or a veteran now, we really value your support and would love to see you there to help us make your children's time at St Mary's special. Thank you.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school! From 6 September–3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw! Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, or bring them in yourself and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme, which has already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception.

We hope everyone will enjoy collecting Team GB stickers and exploring healthy eating this term. Remember, Aldi's Kit for Schools Team GB stickers are available until 3 November when shopping in any Aldi store. If you want to find out more about Aldi's Kit for Schools you can visit **getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools**

Thank you so much for your support – we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect!

Dates for your Diary

10 th Oct:	Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
11 th Oct:	Year 3 Ipswich Museum
14 th Oct:	Diwali Celebration Dance Workshops
15 th Oct:	Curriculum Evening 6.00pm
16 th Oct:	Harvest Festival 2.30pm
16 th Oct:	FOSM AGM 7pm in school
17 th Oct:	Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
17 th Oct:	M & M Productions in school The Railway Children (whole school)

Half Term 21st – 25th October

30 th Oct:	Open Morning 9.30am
31 st Oct:	Open Afternoon 1.30pm
1 st Nov:	All Saints Mass 2.30pm
7 th Nov:	Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
11 th Nov:	Anti-Bullying Week
14 th Nov:	Year 5 to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village
14 th Nov:	Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
15 th Nov:	Year 6 Suffolk Junior School Mock Trial competition, Ipswich Crown Court
18 th Nov:	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
18 th Nov:	Year 4 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
19 th Nov:	Year 3 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
20 th Nov:	Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.00pm
21 st Nov:	Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
21 st Nov:	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
22 nd Nov:	RE Parents Assembly 2.45pm
26 th Nov:	Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
29 th Nov:	Year 6 Ipswich Museum
3 rd Dec:	Reception Nativity 2.15pm
5 th Dec:	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
5 th Dec:	KS1 Advent Service
6 th Dec:	Reception Nativity 2.15pm
7 th Dec:	Year 6 Messy Messiah at St John's: afternoon rehearsal & evening performance
10 th Dec:	KS1 Nativity 2pm
11 th Dec:	KS2 Play 2pm
12 th Dec:	KS Play 9am
18 th Dec:	Christmas Ensemble

Term dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Wednesday 18th December 2019

Half Term: 21st – 25th October 2019

Staff Training Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term 17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Friday 8th May – Bank holiday (school open as usual Monday 4th May)

Half Term 25th - 29th May 2020



St Alban's
Catholic High School



**TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 6 PUPILS
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

17 September, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Choosing your child's secondary school is a big decision. As Headteacher of St Alban's Catholic High School, I welcome the opportunity to present to you the great things that are happening in the school, and how my relentless search for excellence in each of our individuals includes a strong transition programme.

Developing our Christian ethos and ensuring a safe, happy, and fun experience is central to building up our young people. For me and my staff, academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with personal and spiritual development.

I write to inform you of a meeting I will be holding for Year 6 families in order to talk through the transfer to high school arrangements for 2020. The meeting at St Mary's will be on **Monday 30th September at 3.30pm**.

Our prospectus will be delivered to the school very shortly and will contain all the admission arrangements which are also available on our school website:

<https://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/Admission-Info/>

Applications for all Suffolk high schools have to be submitted to the Local Authority by the **31 October 2019**. In addition, the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be completed and sent to St Alban's by the **31 October 2019**.

I would actively encourage you all to attend our Open Evening on **Thursday 3 October 5.30pm - 8.30pm** when you will have a chance to visit the school, look at our outstanding facilities and speak to our knowledgeable staff. My talks will be at **6.00pm** and **7.00pm**.

In addition, if you wish to come along to one of our Open Mornings on either **Tuesday 08 and Wednesday 09 October, 9.30am - 12noon** please contact our school office to pre-book a tour appointment.

I look forward to meeting you at one of these events.

Yours faithfully,

Matt Baker
Headteacher



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Year 5&6 Open Evening

3rd October 2019

Year 5 & 6 parents will be held on Wednesday
3rd October between 5.30pm and
8.30pm. Our Head Teacher, Matt Baker, will
deliver two talks during the evening. One
will take place from 6pm with
another from 7pm.

No booking necessary. We look forward to
seeing you then!

More information can be found under the
Admissions tab on our website.

For more information please view our website www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk
Or email general@st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk



Year 6 Open Morning

8th & 9th October
2019

You are warmly invited to come along and see the school in action, visit some lessons and talk to our student ambassadors.

Please contact reception to book your guided tour.

01473 726178

For more information please view our website www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk
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