

Newsletter

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

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>



Tweet of the Week

“Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan.”

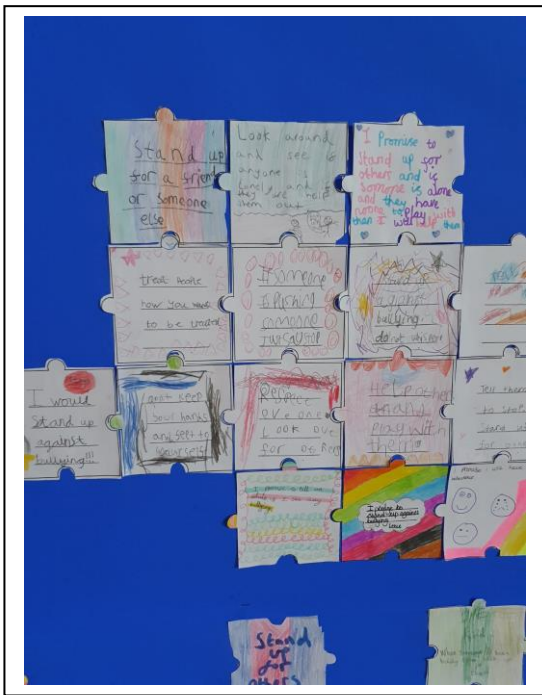
[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)



Anti-Bullying Week

All the children in school have participated in Anti-Bullying week. We watched the NSPCC online assemblies hosted by Ant and Dec. All the children were proud of the message “United Against Bullying.” We have created this beautiful display using the children’s words.





Christmas Post Box

Unfortunately, we won't be able to have a Christmas post box this year. Pupils will be able to give Christmas cards to pupils in the same bubble only.

Virtual Tour – For New Children applying for Reception Class 2021/2022

The virtual tour of the school is now available on St Mary's Facebook page and the school website for you to view. Also available is a video from the reception teacher Mrs Goodwin on the reception class page on the website.

Reception 2021/2022:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for their child's Reception class for children starting school in September 2021/2022.

We require a Supplementary Information Form that will need to be completed and returned to the office at school before the deadline 15th January 2021. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Online Safety Message from Mr Cook:

Please see attached the following safety message from Mr Cook

<https://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com/site/data/files/school%20curriculum/computing/3CA13F7A061D3007FB76401EA8611A35.pdf>

Find:

Should any families find that they need support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school as we are able to make referrals to FIND for food parcels.



FoSM Update:

Second Hand Uniform:

If anyone has any school clothing that they no longer need it would be very well received by the Second-Hand Uniform Team - we are always looking for additional items. Clothing can be sent into school with your child and given to their teachers who will pass it on to the Office. Many thanks in advance for any help you can give.

Attached to the newsletter is the most up to date list of available uniform.

Christmas Fun Day:



Friends of St Mary's PTA are working with the school to put on a Christmas Fun day on Thursday 10th December. This is also Christmas dinner day, and a non uniform day for £1 donation. Children may wear their own clothes, Christmas themed or not, it is up to them.

The attached flyer has all the headlines, this is just to explain a little more of the detail.

We have organised a number of activities and treats, there is no charge and all children will be included. It's intended as a nice experience for them in place of the Christmas fair and Santa visit. The PTA are putting together the arrangements for each bubble, and the teaching staff will run the day.

The children will enjoy lots of arts, crafts, activities and games, a Christmas quiz, a call from Santa and some lovely classroom gifts, token presents, and they will also be treated to a performance of an online pantomime!

We are approaching our Christmas activities and fundraising slightly differently this year. We are very aware that for a lot of us, our financial situations aren't brilliant. For this reason, other than the non uniform £1, the children won't need any money on the day, everyone is included and there is no charge. For the same reason, we won't be sending out the usual requests for bottles/chocolates/hamper gifts/baked goods/filled bags / prizes.

Instead we are asking for families to consider an affordable donation, where they are in a position to do so.

You may donate whatever you wish, there is no expected amount, and if you can't afford anything we understand. We can accept cash to the school office marked PTA Christmas, or electronically via Go Fund Me at <https://gf.me/u/y99z92> - you can also find it by going to the Go Fund Me page and searching 'St Mary's Ipswich' – we are the ones with the rainbow coloured spiral of hand prints.

It's a different way of fundraising this year but we feel it's appropriate to the situation we are all in. The majority of funds raised will go towards the outdoor project, including the final stages of the lower Willow Garden and potentially clearing the pond area. Thank you very much in advance for your kind contributions, they will make a world of difference.

Marge Jessop and the FOSM PTA team



Dates for your Diary:

Term dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December

Half term: 26th – 30th October

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 26th March

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th July

Bank holiday: 3rd May

Half term: 31st May – 4th June

Staff Training days: 19th & 20th July (disaggregated)

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