

Newsletter

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4th October 2019

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

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

Key Dates w/c 7th October

8th & 9th Oct: Year 6 St Alban's Mornings

11th Oct: Year 3 Ipswich Museum

Tweet of the Week



"The word of God fills us with joy and this joy is our strength. We are joyful Christians because we have welcomed the Word of God in our hearts. This is the message for today, for all of us."

Pope Francis @pontifex

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Religious Education Quality Mark – Gold Award

We are delighted to have been awarded the Gold award for the Religious Education Quality Mark at St Mary's. This is in recognition of the high quality RE curriculum, teaching and school ethos at St Mary's. A great achievement for us all to celebrate!

"St Mary's Catholic School in Ipswich demonstrates that when faith and Religious Education is successfully embedded as a central ethos, that the whole community benefits. With an experienced and enthusiastic RE Leader, the Religious Education curriculum is flourishing. Pupils comment that they enjoy Religious Education as it enables them to ask big questions about life and belief. The staff work hard to deliver lessons through story, art, drama, freeze-frames, world faith visits and speakers, to ensure that the subject remains relevant and engaging. St. Mary's Catholic Primary School has much to celebrate now that it has been awarded Gold REQM."



Curriculum Evening

We look forward to seeing you at our Autumn Term Curriculum Evening for parents on **Tuesday 15th October at 6pm** in the school hall. The evening will include three presentations:

- School performance results 2018-19
- Multiplication Strategies
- Our school drivers

While we understand there may be a childcare problem for some parents, this meeting is designed for adults, not children – who often find the meeting tiring and can become unsettled. The meeting is an opportunity for parents to hear about the work of different aspects of school life - please try to attend.

Staff News

Congratulations and all good wishes to Mrs Ridall who is expecting a baby in the New Year. She will be leaving to go on maternity leave at the end of the Autumn Term.

Mrs McGhee-Wallace will be our school SENCO during Mrs Ridall's period of maternity leave.

Year 6 Parish Mass

Year 6 Parish Mass scheduled for 9.15am on Thursday 10th October has been cancelled and will now take place on **Tuesday 15th October at 9.15am**.

Year 3 Class Mass/Liturgy

Please note that the **Year 3 Class Mass/Liturgy** on 17th October will be at 9am.

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. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter which gives more information and contact details for St. Alban's in relation to booking on their Open Morning tours.

Year 6 Parents: applications for all Suffolk High Schools

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

Year 3 visit to Ipswich Museum

On **Friday 11th October** Year 3 are visiting Ipswich Museum as part of their history topic on the Stone Age. They will be leaving school promptly at 9am and will return before the end of the school day. The children will need to bring a packed lunch please plus a bottle of water.

Clubs on Friday 11th October

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **clubs on Friday 11th October (morning Tag Rugby, Lunchtime Football and afterschool Basketball) have all been cancelled**. Parents have been informed via Parentmail and refunds made.

Harvest Festival

Please join us for our Harvest Festival celebration on **Wednesday 16th October at 2:30pm** in St Mary's church.



We are asking for kind donations of non-perishable food; those that have a long use-by date (2020 onwards). If you would prefer donate perishable items please ensure they are fresh and in good condition, and bring them into school on **Tuesday 15th October**. Thank you.



This year all the donations will be going towards FIND, which is a local Christian-based charity set up in the 1990s that distributes the food to those in need in the local area. However if you know someone in particular who would really appreciate a food parcel, please fill in the reply slip form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school by Friday 11th October.

We look forward to celebrating with you in church on the **16th October**.

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.

Missing school jumpers

We would be grateful if you could please check your child/children's bags and at home for jumpers that may have been taken home by mistake, so they can be returned to school to their rightful owners. Thank you for your time.

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

If you haven't already paid the £4.00 and are able to do so, please could payment be made as soon as possible. Thank you.

Diwali Dance Celebration - whole school

If you haven't already done so please make payment of £3.00 for the Diwali Dance Celebration as soon as possible. If there are any issues with paying please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

IPSSA Boys Football Knockout Cup

Britannia 2-6 St Mary's. As we began our football season again for the year, we pretty much got off to the worst possible start! 2-0 down at half time and facing elimination, the boys showed a tremendous amount of character and passion in the second half to bring it back to 2-2. Extra time it was and we still very much had the momentum. Scoring a decisive third goal then opened the game up more to push on for a further 3 goals. Great turnaround boys, well done!!



Year 2 visit to Colchester Castle

On Wednesday, Yr 2 went to visit Colchester Castle as part of their topic 'Castles, Knights and Dragons'. They had a fantastic day out, dressing up as knights, charging across the drawbridge and pretending they were shooting arrows from the top of the battlements. There were lots of artefacts to see and activities to do. Well done Yr 2 for your excellent behaviour and representing St Mary's so well.



Bassistry Arts Workshop

The school were treated to a singing workshop with Marcel from Bassistry Arts on Thursday afternoon. As well as sharing the joy of singing with us, the children had an opportunity to dance and listen to music of a variety of genres.



Marcel has also shared his amazing website with staff and the children which has a diverse range of music and dance on it.

What a wonderful afternoon as we continue to focus on the 'Whole Child' at St Mary's.



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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

Reminders

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**.

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.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all items of your child/children's clothing are clearly labelled. 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.

Friends of St Mary's PTA News

Bag2School Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who kindly donated bags of clothes/textiles etc. to support this fundraising activity for our school.



FOSM AGM

Reminder that 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

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! **Our sticker post box in the school reception area.**

Collect and win with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

This September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

Taking part

- 1. Collect.** Pick up a Team GB sticker whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store, and bring the stickers into school to add to our Aldi's Kit for Schools poster.
- 2. Explore.** Throughout this term we will be using each poster's 150 healthy challenges and further resources from Aldi and Team GB's education programme, **Get Set to Eat Fresh**, to create healthy moments in assembly, the classroom and at home.
- 3. Win.** Complete the poster with 300 Team GB stickers to receive a school sports kit and the chance for us to win a cash prize of £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school.

Find out more and get stuck in at getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools

T&Cs apply.

TEAM GB
GET SET to EAT FRESH
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REPLY SLIP

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Please complete and return to the school reception office by Friday 11th October.

Name of child Year

Parent name and signature.....

Our family would like to nominate the person named below for a food parcel that we will deliver to them.

Name:

Suffolk Parents
Please join the Dyslexia Outreach
Team (DOT) to mark Dyslexia
Awareness Week

 **Suffolk**
County Council

 **Dyslexia
Outreach
Team**

Invitation to parents to attend a
workshop focusing on how you
can support your child at home.

The presentation will be led by
specialist teachers and will focus on top
tips to support your child with reading,
spelling, writing, working memory,
organisation, time and the use of ICT.

There will be a range of resources for
you look at, a chance to ask questions
and we will signpost you to useful
websites where you can find further
information.

The Dyslexia Outreach Team looks
forward to seeing you there!

 **Free!**

**Thursday
10th
October**

**10am to
12.30pm**

Please RSVP to
SpecialistEducationOutreach.BusinessSupport@suffolk.gov.uk
to reserve your place
or just come along.

Blackbourne Centre
Blackbourne Road
Elmswell
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
IP30 9UH

Dates for your Diary

- 14th Oct: Diwali Celebration Dance Workshops
- 15th Oct: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 15th Oct: Curriculum Evening 6.00pm
- 16th Oct: Harvest Festival 2.30pm
- 16th Oct: FOSM AGM 7pm in school
- 17th Oct: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 17th Oct: Year 3 Class Mass/Liturgy 9.00am
- 17th Oct: M & M Productions in school The Railway Children (whole school) 1.45pm

Half Term 21st – 25th October

- 30th Oct: Open Morning 9.30am
- 31st Oct: Open Afternoon 1.30pm
- 1st Nov: All Saints Mass 2.30pm
- 7th Nov: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 11th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week
- 13th Nov: Year R, 1 and 2 Class Liturgy 2.30pm
- 13th Nov: Scholastic Book Fair (13th-19th Nov)
- 14th Nov: Year 5 to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village
- 14th Nov: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 15th Nov: Year 6 Suffolk Junior School Mock Trial competition, Ipswich Crown Court
- 18th Nov: Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
- 18th Nov: Year 4 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
- 19th Nov: Year 3 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
- 20th Nov: Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.00pm
- 21st Nov: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 26th Nov: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
- 22nd Nov: RE Parents Assembly 2.45pm
- 26th Nov: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 29th Nov: Year 6 Ipswich Museum
- 2nd Dec: Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
- 3rd Dec: Reception Nativity 2.15pm
- 5th Dec: KS1 Advent Service
- 6th Dec: Reception Nativity 2.15pm
- 7th Dec: Year 6 Messy Messiah at St John's: afternoon rehearsal & evening performance
- 10th Dec: KS1 Nativity 2pm
- 11th Dec: KS2 Play 2pm
- 12th Dec: KS Play 9am
- 17th Dec: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
- 18th Dec: Christmas Ensemble
- 18th Dec: Last day of Autumn Term

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



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
Or email general@st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk