



St Mary's Catholic Academy

Newsletter No.2 – 27th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

There's just three weeks left before we break up for half term, but there's lots planned. Please make sure you are keeping an eye out for MyEd messages. You've come a long way, learning to use this app successfully, since the start of term. Thank you and to some – well done, it's not been easy troubleshooting the issues. Special thanks to Mrs Carnell and Mrs Webb for their hard work.

St Mary's children meet together as a school community every Monday morning to pray for the community and the week ahead. We are revisiting the values of Respect, Responsibility and Appreciation this week. We face difficult times in our community and it is difficult when we hear of people buying more than they need in the shops. As we approach our harvest celebrations, we pray for everyone to show a greater commitment to those in need. Please get in touch with school via the office or chat to a staff member if you are struggling in any way. We are here to support you in any way we can.

Dates for your diary

Mon 27 th Sept	KS2 Me Vs Me PE activity
29 th & 30 th Sept	Y6 narrow boat trip
Fri 1 st Oct	Harvest non-uniform day
Tues 5 th Oct	F2 and Y2 Parents Consultation
Wed 6 th Oct	Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Consultation
Thurs 7 th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 15 th Oct	Break up for October half term

Parents Consultations – Book Appointment Using MyEd



Parents evening is taking place on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th

October. Please take a moment to book an appointment using the MyEd app. If you find a problem doing this, please come to the school office where we will try our best to help you.

The timings are based on a 24-hour clock so 13:30 is 1:30pm. Please be aware of this when booking.

We are inviting one parent per child in for the consultation meeting, which will be held in the school hall. **We request that you wear a mask for the duration of time that you are in school.**

Please only arrive in school 5 minutes before your meeting. If you are early, you will be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain social distancing in the hall.

Challenging times!

With the lorry driver shortage and now oil issues, unfortunately we face challenges we could never have imagined in what continues to be uncertain times.

Aspens have asked me to make you aware that they foresee the possibility of some supply issues regarding the food they provide for school dinners, especially because they rely on cooking food from fresh.

This may mean that your child will be asked to choose an alternative dinner to that which you have ordered when they arrive at school. Aspens promise to keep any such disruption to a minimum and I assure you that if you have booked a meal for your child, I promise they will receive a meal they are happy with.

Please continue to book dinners as you have been doing, using the MyEd app.



Winter coat donations

If anyone has any winter coats that your children have grown out of, please consider donating them to school. We will make them available to families who may need that little extra support as we approach the colder days and months ahead.



School dinners

Please make sure you complete the weekly menu selection **with your child**. Children are sometimes saying that they do not like the choice selected for them.



Also, please be aware of your child's allergies and how they are recorded in school. E.g. **A cheese sandwich should not be selected for a child registered with a dairy allergy.**

We are trying to encourage children to eat using a knife and fork. Children young and old, throughout the school, need to practice this skill, starting by holding the utensils correctly. Please support your child at home if required.

Harvest Celebrations

CAFOD are asking, on Family Fast Day – Friday 1st October, that we 'Go Green and Give'. We plan to raise money later in the year for CAFOD. However, we invite children on Friday to 'Go Green' as much as possible by:

- Walking, scootering or cycling to school
- Reducing plastic used in packed lunches
- Only use the water needed – turn taps off once finished with
- Turn lights off when they aren't needed... and so on.



Children are encouraged to wear green on Friday – or any colours that represent the Harvest and God's creation (non-uniform). The brighter the better. In return we will be collecting for two local causes. **Please bring in cans of food, packets of rice, pasta, tinned food and vegetables, biscuits... anything that will keep well. These will be taken to the local food bank that supported many of our families throughout this pandemic.**

Father David has asked that we support new Mums with young babies. Families are struggling to afford nappies, baby wipes, shampoo and other baby essentials. Any donations will be passed on to a group St Mary's and St. Paul's churches are supporting.



Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 7th October

If you haven't already, please consider signing your child up for their flu vaccine. This will help our school community to keep the cold bugs away this winter so that children can remain in school, with their friends, avoiding any further disruption to their learning. Thank you.

Contact the school office if you require further information.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards,

Anne-Marie Bell

