

## St Mary's Catholic Academy



Newsletter No.2 – 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take a moment to read this newsletter so you are aware of all that is happening in school in the coming weeks. As we approach our harvest celebrations, we pray for everyone to show commitment to those in need. For those in need, we pray for the strength and courage to seek help.

Dates for your diary	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	Chaplaincy Team Training Day at The Trinity School 9 – 3pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Mass at St. Mary's Church – St Mary: the Month of the Rosary
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	2:30pm KS2 Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Family Fast Day – Harvest Collection 'Brighten Up for Children'
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Trinity Music Festival – School choir 9 – 12 noon
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	2:30pm EYFS / KS1 Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 23	CAFOD workshops
Wed 18th October 2023	Parent Consultations 1:30 – 5pm
Thurs 19th October 2023	2:30pm KS2 Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Last day of half term
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 23	Half Term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Return to school for Advent 2 Term – 8:45am start

#### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

On Monday, parents/carers will receive an invitation via email to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher. This meeting is an opportunity for you to see how your child has settled into their new class and for you to have a chat with the teacher.

Appointments are 5 minutes each and are available between

1:30pm and 5pm. Please book an appointment as soon as possible. Your child's happiness and progress is very important to us.

#### Attendance



Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting your children in attending school each and every day, since the start of term. School attendance is at 99% which is brilliant. Please continue to support your children in accessing school to this high standard.

Please remember that no holidays will be permitted in school time. Fines are being applied where families do take children out of school during term time.

#### **Punctuality**



Most families are ensuring children are in school on time, ready for the school day. This means that children are **on the playground before the bell**. If you are running through the school gate after the bell, please make every effort to leave home a few minutes earlier.

School gates open at 8:35am.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day and Harvest Celebration - Friday 6th October

# BRIGHTEN UP for children

This Harvest, we are going to help to 'brighten up the world' by fundraising for the CAFOD World Food Crisis appeal to support our global family.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, children should come to school in the brightest clothes they have. They can either bring **50p for our CAFOD** collection or **bring an item of food** which will be taken to Emmanuel House, to provide food for the homeless in Nottingham. Either is fantastic and no one is asked to contribute if it is not possible for you to do so right now.

All are welcome to the assembly Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Our chaplaincy team will be leading us in prayer as we give thanks for God's love and care.

**Food donations may include:** tins of fruit / vegetables, pasta, rice, spaghetti, beans, toilet roll, toothpaste, tooth brushes.



#### MacMillan Coffee Morning - Thank you

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the MacMillan coffee morning. It was a wet and dreary day, so a really big thank you to those who came for a tea or coffee.



Thank you also to those who donated money to this important cause. We hope to offer more opportunities to raise money for different charities throughout the year.

Thank you for your on-going support. Anne-Marie Bell