



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022



It is such a joy to be back at school and we are so proud at how the children have quickly settled back into school life. It will be a busy term on the run-up to Christmas with the excitement of advent, nativities and Christmas songs. Last term, as a school, we learnt to sing and sign the song - My Lighthouse. This term we will look to sing and sign a new Christmas song. We will put a video up next week of a group of children demonstrating what we all learnt.

We have begun to have some donations towards our shoebox appeal but there is still time to donate individual items or even a whole shoe box.

Next Friday it is Remembrance Day and we will be creating and learning class prayers, which we will share in a school assembly, and then on our website.

We have continued to develop our after school club provision, this term. If you have any old art or craft items or junk for junk modelling, we would gratefully receive them in the office.

As always any ideas or suggestions on how the school could support you further are much appreciated and the door is always open.

Robin class have been learning about Diwali - The Hindu festival of lights. They have made diya (clay oil lamps), Diwali cards, Rangoli patterns and coconut sweets.

Woodpeckers have had a fantastic first week back. They have been curious when asking questions to their main character from their new story, respectful when listening to each other reading to the class and resilient in computing where they have learnt to log in and use the keyboard for the first time!

Owl class have been enjoying settling back. They have been using The Great Fire of London for our English unit, see if they can remember any of the facts which they have learnt! They are eventually going to be writing their own chronological reports. In DT, we have designed our own Pop-Up books which will be ready for Christmas.

This week, Kestrels have begun exploring maps. They have used maps online to see what Axminster looks like at different scales. They found out you could see lots more detail on large scale maps. The book they are reading in English is called Escape from Pompeii - ask them what happened to Tranio and Livia in the story!

Eagles' class have started back this term with a fantastic attitude towards their work. They are looking forward to starting their new geography topic on mapping and their new science topic named Evolution. This term we now have PE on a Wednesday and our unit is gymnastics. Mrs. Bray and Ms Matthews have enjoyed positive meetings with lots of parents to discuss the children and their learning, this week.

## PE days - Autumn term

- \*Robin Class Monday & Wednesday
- \*Woodpecker Class Monday & Tuesday
- \*Owl Class Monday & Wednesday
- \*Kestrel Class Thursday & Friday swimming
- \*Eagle class Wednesday & Thursday

## Ten Ten November Newsletter.

Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

## Dates for your diary

11<sup>th</sup> November- shoe box appeal items to be in school

18<sup>th</sup> November- School individual/sibling photo day

8<sup>th</sup> December- first nativity performance

9<sup>th</sup> December- second nativity performance

13<sup>th</sup> December- Advent service and music concert

14<sup>th</sup> December- Children's Christmas dinner and afternoon carol service for parents

More information on the above to follow.

St Mary's Values Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Aim high		Have a go
Responsible	Caring		Curious
Value each other	Self-belief		