



Dear Parents,

Y4 Sacramental Celebration- We have had a lovely 3 days (Friday, Saturday and Monday) of celebration in Y4 to mark their Reconciliation and Holy Communion days. Special thanks to Mr Marsh, Mrs Lee, Mrs Adamson, Mrs Hayes, Fr Craig, Fr Malcolm and the many additional supporting staff for a well organised event. A massive WELL DONE to all of Y4, whose behaviour, maturity, reverence, innocence and sense of pride were a privilege to witness. We are immensely proud of them all. And thanks to you too, parents. Despite the pandemic, you made the best of the day with dignity and respect – your many lovely comments have been shared with staff, too. 😊 Y4 complete their Thanks giving with a Mass, this morning- the first one in school in almost a year. It was a truly lovely celebration – again our thanks to Fr Craig for making it so meaningful (and child friendly) for the children.

Amended start times – These have been well received. Thanks for your observance. For those who are unclear, please find attached, once more the **Amended Start Times**.

Harvest offerings- It is great to hear that our Harvest offerings, via the school gateway, are now up to £220+! 😊 That is tremendous. Seriously, if you are kind enough to give, then be kind enough to share your kindness with your child as an example to them for the future. That is the way that they can learn best- from your example. All monies will go towards Fr Hudson's Homes (our local charity) and CAFOD (overseas). Many more thanks in anticipation.

Reminders

Communication with staff- Again, thanks for listening, in almost all cases. There are just a few parents who are using the class pages, still, for professional business instead of homework or classwork issues. **To clarify, all communication linked to attendance, requested contacts, compliments, concerns, or complaints need to be directed to postbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk.** This enables the office staff to copy the right member of staff into the right emails - and solves your concerns more readily. Please also respect that answers will only be facilitated during the school working day.

The school twitter account is growing. We now have 81 followers - that represents almost half of all families. Mrs Hayes and Mrs Smith are almost there on the in-house competition to see which class can have the most twitter followers. Watch this space...

Virtual P.E challenges – Keep looking on your class pages to find the latest challenges. Miss Wood informed me, earlier this week, that we are the school with the greatest number of participants in these Streetly Partnership Virtual Challenges. That's great to hear, parents. Active children make calmer children with much more positive mental health strategies in place to support them. Thanks Miss Wood, you are a great role model.

Our PTA have produced a really helpful newsletter - look out for it today - Mrs Doocey is on the final edit, I believe. 😊

Other news ...

Democratic decision making linked to good behaviour- £5 awards went to Y2 for resilience and Y5 for behaviour last week. Well done to these two classes.

Our Y5 Animal Man is due in school on the 21st October- we cannot wait to see him again.

Our Y6 will be leading the next Class Mass - with a Remembrance theme, in school, on the 12th November.

Well done to Jacob and Daisy, our Y6 representatives – who represented our school community yesterday, so very well, at the epitaph in Aldridge. Mrs Hayes was glowing with pride. I also know that Mrs Joyce, Miss Marsh and our gardening monitors have some ideas for poppies in class, this year.

Y6 parents - please be aware that Secondary School Admissions are now open until 31st October. Please make sure that you are fully informed and that your child does not miss out. Speak with Mrs Ward or Mrs Potter if you are uncertain about what to do.

And Finally...

I know that I will have your full support on this. Some children have forgotten that hitting of any kind is unacceptable in school. We have had two or three examples this week. I will need to be in touch if your child is at fault. Thanks in anticipation for your co-operation.

“Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another”