

## ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

### SCHOOL NEWS

Over the next 2 weeks, Key Stage 1 and 2 will be taking part in an Art or DT project linked to their learning. This will give children the opportunity to show their creative skills and there will also be a competition linked to the theme of Creation with winning artwork displayed in school. Pictures will be shared with you on the newsletter.

Please can we remind parents that packed lunch boxes need to contain a healthy balanced meal, with savoury and sweet options. Also, as the weather is getting colder, children will need a coat for school.

Although we are following Government guidance, we have had 3 positive cases of COVID over the last 2 weeks. These cases have been in different year groups. We would like to say thank you to parents for testing and self-isolating their children promptly. Pupils no longer need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID. If your child has symptoms, please do not send them into school and arrange for a PCR test. Children may return to school if they have tested negative.

Unfortunately, there have been some incidents where children have been targeted by other children on the way home from school, causing distress to some families. If incidents continue to be reported to school, parents of the children involved will be asked to collect their child at hometime so they are supervised.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you for all the donations towards the Harvest Foodbank appeal. The GIFT team set up a beautiful display in the School Hall which you can see below.

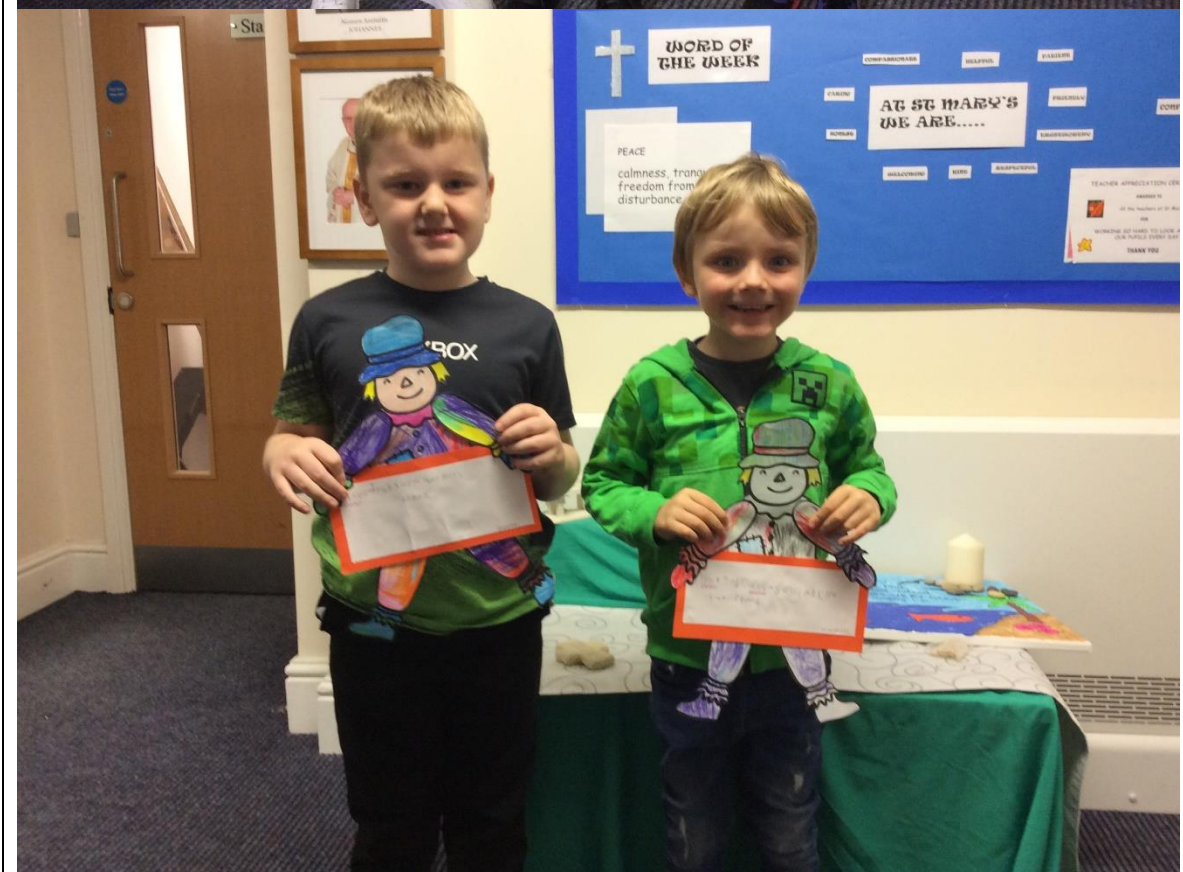




Father Chris has also celebrated Mass in Year 6K this morning and each class created Harvest Offerings to be presented at Mass.







Thank you also to anyone who donated to CAFOD as part of Go Green Day. The children really enjoyed dressing up and learning about ECO issues across the world.

## NINJA DAY

This year we have decided to focus on developing the children's vocabulary, word use and knowledge. We have introduced a new and exciting program running throughout school called 'Vocabulary Ninja'. Every day, the children will be introduced to a new or unfamiliar word and spend some time exploring this word. Listen out for your children using these fantastic words at home. To celebrate and launch the Vocabulary Ninja program we believe the children would love to participate in a Ninja Day.

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** we would like to invite your children to come to school dressed up as a ninja (this may just be all black clothing). Throughout the day we plan to engage the children in some really exciting and engaging activities such as; mask design, ninja warrior move sessions, vocabulary activities and much more. We hope that you begin to notice a difference in the level of vocabulary your children use at home!

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You can now apply for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child through the Lancashire County Council website (<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>). Applications must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

## WEEKLY AWARDS

### STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Baariz Khan  
Reception – Carter-Jace Thomas  
Year 1 – Daniel Bond  
Year 2 – Mason Back  
Year 3 - Riley Pearson  
Year 4 - Sienna Shaw  
Year 5 – Alfie Kendall  
Year 6J – Jayden Raby  
Year 6K – Alexsis Murfitt



## ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception	90.7%
Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	90.9%
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6J (Mrs Jackson)	89.3%
Year 6K (Mrs Knowles)	93.6%



**Weekly Overall School Attendance is 93.1%**

## BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest  
Psalm 85:12".*