

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER – 15th October 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

We are pleased to confirm that the new Autumn/Winter School menu will be available after October half-term. The menu returns to three choices and has been prepared to offer a varied range of hot dishes. The new menus will be available on the School Gateway App next week so you can choose the meals with your child in advance. Whilst Lancashire County Council are doing their best to ensure food supplies remain constant, there may be days when the menu needs to be adapted due to availability of ingredients. As always, Class Teachers will confirm the daily choices with children to make sure they are able to choose something they like.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline is fast approaching for Secondary School applications and it is really important to apply before the deadline to ensure your child has the best chance of attending their chosen school. If you have not yet applied for a place, you must apply online by 31st October 2021 through the Lancashire County Council website (<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>). If you would prefer to complete a paper application form, these should be returned to school by Wednesday 20th October 2021 so that we can email these to Pupil Access before the half-term holidays.

ART COMPETITION

Children have produced some wonderful artwork as part of our 'Caring for Creation' competition. We definitely have some talented artists within school, and the judging will take place at the beginning of next week once all artwork is complete. Each winner will receive a prize and have their artwork displayed in school and on the website. Winners will be revealed on next week's newsletter!

CHILDREN IN NEED

St Mary's GIFT team have been planning our participation in the BBC's Children in Need Appeal on Friday 12th November 2021. Children can come into school wearing bright colours and/or Children in Need clothing or accessories for a suggested donation of £1. There will be lots of exciting activities including a Pudsey Bear raffle and duck race.

OCTOBER HALF TERM

School closes for October half-term next Thursday 21st October 2021 at 3.20 pm. Our After School Club, Busy Kids, will be available until 5.15 pm on this day. We hope you have a fun and enjoyable half-term and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 1st November 2021.

WEEKLY AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery	Ralphie Mellor
Reception	Rowan Gough
Year 1	Skyler-Mae Mannion
Year 2	Blake Tompkins
Year 3	Charlie Belshaw
Year 4	Sonny-Dean Fulljames
Year 5	Levi Franks
Year 6J	Kaiden Duckworth
Year 6K	Lily-May Shepherd



ATTENDANCE

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

Reception	96.4% (Winner)
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	77.0%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	93.6%
Year 6J (Mrs Jackson)	88.4%
Year 6K (Mrs Knowles)	89.3%



Weekly Overall School Attendance is 90.3%

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

This week our prayer and worship theme has been stewardship and care for creation and our community.



Next week's theme is about service to others, especially those living in poverty.