



Wednesday 6 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices:

### **1 Year Anniversary**

Yesterday marked the first anniversary of the school fire. Thank you to the families who were able to attend mass on Saturday at Christ the King and to those who lit a candle yesterday. Your presence, prayers and SPIRIT were felt across the whole school community.

### **St. Mary's Open Week**

This year, we will be holding 'Open Day Sessions' over the course of a week for new parents with children starting school in September 2022. If you know of anyone who has children of this age who is currently choosing schools for their child, please signpost them to our 'Open Week' commencing next Monday 11 October and to contact the school office by phone – 01332 554831 or by email – [admin@stmarys.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys.derby.sch.uk) to book a date and time when parents and carers can attend.

Open Days enable new parents to meet staff, see the facilities and generally get a feel for the school. They will see the curriculum in action (if they visit in the school day) and see many reasons why they should choose St Mary's.

### **Saint Benedict Y6 Open Evening**

Mr Gritton has asked us to extend his sincere apologies to our parents and carers of children in Year 6. Saint Benedict had a few technical issues on the night and were unable to live stream their Open Evening. They have made the full presentation available on Youtube, please click on the following link to view the presentation: <https://bit.ly/2Y6U2FS>

Saint Benedict are also offering morning tours which parents and carers can sign up to, either through their website or by phoning the school on 01332 557032.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Please see below a list of key dates for your diaries:

- Tuesday 19 October – Virtual Parents Evening (details to follow)
- Thursday 21 October – Virtual Parents Evening (details to follow) & last day of term
- Friday 22 October – INSET
- Monday 1 November – INSET
- Friday 3 December – INSET
- Tuesday 21 December – Last day of term
- Wednesday 22 December – School closed for additional bank holiday for the Queens Jubilee
- Thursday 23 December - INSET



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### **Parking**

Just a reminder to all our families who are not on the buses to park away from the school and walk their child/ren onto the site. Here are some suggestions of places to park nearby:

- St. Mary's Church car park, Darley Lane (6 minute walk to school)
- Parker's Piece Car park, City Road, DE1 1DF (4/5 minute walk to school)
- City Road (free parking for 30 minutes)

Those who are on buses, we ask our families and carers to be mindful when dropping their child/ren off at either Mackworth, Sinfin or Broadway. Please do not park in front of resident's driveways, grass verges or on double yellow lines. At the Mackworth bus stop in particular, please use the car park opposite the shops and walk your child/ren to the bus stop on foot.

### **Celebrating Achievements**

Huge congratulations to the following children who have received a Headteacher's Award for excellent work and/or demonstrated outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning this week: Kaytlin W, Paolo HN, Antonia M, Sanaya S, Ataribem A, Johan N, Adam E, Zainab I, Sofia W, Robyn S, Altay G, Terreen UK and Alfie F. Well done to you all. More congratulations are awarded to all of Class 7 for sharing their class Act of Worship with the whole school on 'Reconciliation'. The children's singing was superb.

A special mention goes firstly to Wezi N for being nominated 'Man of the Match' and 'Player of the Year' for his football club. Also to Blaze S and Daisy W for their achievements once again in Irish Dancing at the weekend, in particular Daisy for coming 1<sup>st</sup> place in two of the dances; Ophelie B for achieving her Duckling Level 3 certificate, Freya D for passing her Ballet and Tap exam with flying colours; liyaz I for receiving a medal for scoring more than 5 goals for his football club and finally to Artem B for being nominated 'Player of the Week' in rugby. Well done to you all.

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless

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