



Wednesday 2 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back; we hope you have all had a good half term break. Please see below this weeks' notices.

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Many thanks to the parents and carers for coming along to watch Class 4's Act of Worship on the last day of term. It was presented differently to other Acts of Worships giving the opportunity for the children to develop in confidence. The theme was 'Courage'. The children explained that God tells us to be strong and courageous in the Bible, and to restore our faith and courage in Him, and by doing so we can overcome our fears and achieve our goals. The children shared some wonderful paintings to show their fears; fears such as the dark and rats!

Class 4 went on to talk about how we can show courage in our daily lives by speaking out when you see or hear something wrong, or by trying new things. The children certainly did show courage throughout their Act of Worship, finishing with some wonderful singing and dancing to the hymn 'One More Step Along the World I Go.'

Celebrating Achievements

Huge congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award for excellent work and/or demonstrated outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning this week: Dalton S, Dream K, Amelia H, Caiuz C, Aimee S, Zayan A, Benjamin P, Tyrese M, Aimee W, Thabiso S, Kacper S, Sienna P, Ka Shun M and Samuel C. Well done to you all.

A special mention goes to Bradley C for receiving his 100m swimming certificate, Alex S for achieving the highest points in badminton, and to Asia C and Elise M for scoring the most goals in 2 minutes in a competition over the holidays. Also, a big 'shout out' to Lorna L for sharing her experiences when visiting Nazareth over half term. Congratulations to you all.

Safeguarding – Videoing of AoWs

As a school, we are committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care at all times. Following new concerns that came to light last term, we are unable to grant permission for parents and carers to video or take photographs of their child's class Act of Worship or other events that involve the whole class, Year group, Phase or whole school.

Open Evening

Tomorrow, we will be holding our Open Evening for new parents and carers with children starting school in September 2023 from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. In addition to our Open Evening, we are offering tours of the school every Friday morning between 9.00am and 12.00pm commencing this Friday 5 November, where plans for the new building will be on display to showcase the UK's greenest school. 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 Evening' and to contact the school office by phone – 01332 554831 or by email – admin@stmarys.derby.sch.uk to book a date and time when parents and carers can attend a tour of the school.



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Dates for your Diary

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

- Friday 2 December – INSET (3/6)
- Tuesday 6 December – Coffee Morning
- Thursday 22 December – Last day of term
- Monday 9 January – Children return following the Christmas break
- Thursday 16 February – Last day of term
- Friday 17 February – INSET (4/6)
- Monday 27 February - INSET (5/6)
- Tuesday 28 February – Children return after half-term
- Friday 31 March – Last day of term
- Monday 17 April – children return following the Easter break

Finally, Poppies are now available from the school office. Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless
The Leadership Team



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