



**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**  
**Newsletter**  
**Friday 11th October**  
**'Love One Another'**



**Thank you**

Thank you to all our parents and grandparents that came along to watch our Year 1 Curriculum Assembly. So many of you had so many positive things to say about our school and how well your child or children are progressing. Your feedback really means a great deal to us. Thank you very much.



**Lost Property**

Could we please ask that your child's belongings are named. The staff make every attempt to find missing belongings and we regularly search school for items as we are keen that children are reunited with their things. Many thanks.



**Harvest Festival**

It is our Harvest Festival next Thursday so we are asking our families to donate tins and packets of food so we can send it all on to the local foodbank. Please send any food donations into school in a carrier bag on Thursday. Unfortunately there has been a significant rise over the last twelve months in the demand for food so your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**World Globe**

Just to let you know that so many of our children in Key Stage 1 are fascinated with our new World Globes. You might like to think about purchasing one for your child if they are interested too.

### **Travel Assistance Policy Consultation**

We would like to bring to your attention the TAW Travel Assistance Policy consultation that launched 26th September. Following unanimous agreement of the Telford & Wrekin Council's Cabinet on Thursday 12th September, TAW are consulting on the impact of proposed changes to their Travel Assistance Policies. These proposals will affect new applicants for travel assistance to attend maintained educational establishments up to the age of 16 or Year 11. It will also affect people who receive travel assistance support but undergo a significant change in circumstances, for example a house move or change of eligible needs. Children with SEND will go unaffected.

The consultation will run until 15 November.

You can find more information about the proposed changes and policies, and you can share your views by visiting [www.telford.gov.uk/travelassistance](http://www.telford.gov.uk/travelassistance)



### **Reminder: Sweets and Chocolates**

Could we please ask that children are not sent in with packets/bags of sweets and chocolate. We have a number of children with allergies and if food is being shared, we cannot monitor it. Also, we are concerned with the amount of sugar some children are eating too as this causes spikes in their blood sugar levels making it difficult for them to concentrate on their learning. Thank you for your anticipated support.

### **Important: Catering service (Dinners)**

Unfortunately, we find ourselves continually carrying dinner debt for some of our families. As a result, we spend a great deal of administrative time chasing funds; writing to parents, photocopying daily reminders, ringing parents and further time spent liaising with the kitchen staff and Telford and Wrekin catering services. Everyone will need to pay for their child's dinners **in advance** as we cannot allow accounts to go into debt from here on in. If your account falls into debt, we may be forced to ask that you bring a packed lunch in for your child until the debt is cleared **and** future lunches have been paid for in advance. Apologies for the strong point made here but we cannot afford to carry debt that does not belong to our school any longer.

### **Geography**

We are having a big focus on developing Geography in school. It would be great if you could help our children in Key Stage One to get really stuck in to their learning and help them to learn the following Geographical facts and terminology:

- name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans
- name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas
- understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country
- Human and physical geography
- identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:
- key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather
- key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop
- use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map



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### Wear it Pink

Every Breast Cancer Awareness Month, wear it pink brings together thousands of people on one day, all with the same aim – to wear pink, raise money and help make life-saving breast cancer research happen.

Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink day is one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, having raised over £33 million since launching in 2002, and this year wear it pink is going to be bigger than ever!

We are inviting our children to come to school dressed in pink or an outfit of their choice for a donation of £1.00. Our 'Wear it Pink' Day is next Friday. Thank you for supporting this cause every year.

## How many can you spell?

### New Curriculum Spelling List Years 3 and 4



accident	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
accidentally	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actual	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
actually	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
address	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strength
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	suppose
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	surprise
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	therefore
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	though
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	although
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	thought
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	through
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	various
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	weight
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	woman
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	women
centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign	

## New Curriculum Spelling List Years 5 and 6



accommodate	communicate	equip	immediately	physical	sincerely
accompany	community	equipped	individual	prejudice	soldier
according	competition	equipment	interfere	privilege	stomach
achieve	conscience	especially	interrupt	profession	sufficient
aggressive	conscious	exaggerate	language	programme	suggest
amateur	controversy	excellent	leisure	pronunciation	symbol
ancient	convenience	existence	lightning	queue	system
apparent	correspond	explanation	marvellous	recognise	temperature
appreciate	criticise	familiar	mischievous	recommend	thorough
attached	curiosity	foreign	muscle	relevant	twelfth
available	definite	forty	necessary	restaurant	variety
average	desperate	frequently	neighbour	rhyme	vegetable
awkward	determined	government	nuisance	rhythm	vehicle
bargain	develop	guarantee	occupy	sacrifice	yacht
bruise	dictionary	harass	occur	secretary	
category	disastrous	hindrance	opportunity	shoulder	
cemetery	embarrass	identity	parliament	signature	
committee	environment	immediate	persuade	sincere	

### Dates for your Diary

October		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Cosford	Further information to follow
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby	A selection of children from Year 5/6 will attend this.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival	Packet and tinned donations would be very much appreciated. We will be donating all food to the local foodbank again this year.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wear it Pink Day	We ask that all children come dressed in pink or an outfit they feel special in to support this breast cancer awareness and fundraising day. We ask for a donation of £1.00 per child.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 Trip to Severn Valley	Further information to follow
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Curriculum Assembly	9 – 10am in the school hall
	Mass at Church	2-2.30pm. Parents welcome to join us.
25 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day	School closed to children
28 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Begins	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Closing date for Secondary School Applications	
November		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Curriculum Assembly for Parents	9 – 10am in the school hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	CAFOD Fundraising Day	Generations in Magdalena Medio have grown up only knowing conflict. You can help support a generation of peace in Colombia by dressing-up in the colours of a World Flag. We ask for a donation of £1.00 per child. Thank you.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Boccia Tournament	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Trip to Blists Hill	Further information to follow
19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Flu Vaccinations	Letters will be sent out
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Curriculum Assembly for Parents	9 – 10am in the school hall
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at Church	11am. All welcome.

28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Curriculum Assembly for Parents	9 – 10am in the school hall
December		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Mass at School	2.15pm All welcome
10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and KS1 Christmas Performances	Tickets will be on sale from the end of October, priced at £1.50 each. There will be two performances, one at 9am and the other at 2pm on both days.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Pantomime at school	
12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performances	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	Letters will be sent out regarding this but we do ask that our children wear a Christmas jumper or 'dress to impress' for this special event.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term	