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## St Mary's Catholic Primary Newsletter

### 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### Uniform

Could I please ask that children do come to school wearing jogging bottoms and trainers. Increasingly, children are coming in wellies, boots, and shoes. Children need to arrive ready to participate in PE. Thank you for your support.

#### Police Visit

The local police came to talk to our children in reception about their role in enforcing laws, helping with emergencies, solving crimes and protecting property. It was a light-hearted session and children got to try on police uniforms and headwear. A lot of fun was had by all.



#### Men encouraged to take a stand against domestic violence

Telford & Wrekin Council is calling on men across the borough to take a stand against crimes of violence against women and girls for White Ribbon Day 2022.

Taking place on 25 November, White Ribbon Day encourages men and boys never to use, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. To mark this event the council and other local partners will

undertake 16 days (until 10 December 2022) of action to support the global movement against male violence.

The White Ribbon Facebook page will raise awareness, Southwater will be lit up white, and white ribbon stickers will be applied to local taxis, as well as West Midlands Police, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Services and council fleet vehicles. An event to support and engage business in Telford and Wrekin's night-time economy on drink spiking and other safety issues affecting women is also taking place on 9 December 2022.

Councillor Kelly Middleton (Labour), Cabinet Member for Leisure, Public Health and Well-Being, Equalities and Partnerships, said: "Women are disproportionately affected by domestic violence, as well as stalking and harassment. 1 in 4 women will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime. Two women are killed by a current or former partner in the UK every week.

"Since becoming a White Ribbon town in 2011, we have long since championed support and preventative measures in Telford and Wrekin all year round. The council has continued to develop the CCTV network to act as a deterrent in hot spot areas and is undertaking a pilot to install cameras in taxis. Our Safer & Stronger Communities project has helped more than 120 women complete free self-defence classes with more sessions due in the New Year. We are supporting a theatre production to tour our schools, which will educate young people and challenge unacceptable behaviours. And we are running an annual survey to ensure our efforts continue to focus on the right issues affecting women in Telford.

"Protecting and caring for victims of domestic abuse is a top priority for us, and I want people to know that help is out there; you are not alone."

Domestic abuse is a common crime, not only affecting women but also 1 in 6 men are victims. Support in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin is available through the Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service: call 0300 303 1191 or email [sdas@shropsdas.org.uk](mailto:sdas@shropsdas.org.uk).

West Mercia Women's Aid runs a 24-hour domestic abuse helpline and a live chat service for those who need to talk 'silently.' Call: 0800 783 1359 or visit the [West Mercia Woman's Aid](#) website.

Further support and advice can be found on the [Telford & Wrekin Council](#).



## Nearly 1,000 children have registered with 10 by 10

Schools, parents and children have taken part in 10 by 10 since the new website launched in September 2022.

Just under 1,000 children have been registered on the 10 by 10 website by a parent, and hundreds are on a waiting list for free swimming lessons

TAW are now spending time improving the website to make it easier for parents to search and find things to do. After the success and interest around the new swimming offer, they are working to provide a new free offer for parents.



**Join in competitive team sports**



**Play an instrument**



**Learn to swim**



**Visit the seaside and the countryside**



**Take part in drama and performing arts**



**Experience museums, galleries and heritage sites**



**Use a library**



**Learn to ride a bike**



**Take part in debating**



**Take part in camping trips and overnight residentials**



We're excited to announce that our student CERYS THOMAS has made it through the audition process and is taking on roles on The Polar Express at Telford Steam Railway in the run up to Christmas. A Warner Bros immersive event, this is an exciting opportunity for her to be part of an internationally run professional show. We are very proud of her and we wish her the best of luck for her trips to the North Pole. Tickets are still available to watch this wonderful show!



#### Reminder of deadline to apply for reception places

If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they are due to start primary school in September 2023.

You can apply for a reception class place until 15 January 2023.

You will need to apply to the Local Authority in which you live, but you can apply to schools outside of your Local Authority area should you wish.

For more information and to apply, please visit Telford & Wrekin Council's School Admissions website:

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school\\_admissions/3247/applying\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place](https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/3247/applying_for_a_school_place)

If you have questions, please email the Council's Admissions Team on [Admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:Admissions@telford.gov.uk). "

### Virtual Christmas Singalong

As part of The Music Partnership, Telford schools are invited to The Virtual Christmas Singalong, which will be supported and led by Cathy Lamb and her Musicshare Band, with special guest performers to help create a festive last day of term for many of us. Over 60 schools throughout Stoke, Staffordshire and Telford have already signed up to be involved and we have signed-up too. Should be amazing.



### Menu

Our school's menu can be viewed here:

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st\\_marys\\_primary\\_school\\_menu](https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st_marys_primary_school_menu)



30 <sup>th</sup> November St Andrews Day	
6 <sup>th</sup> December KS2 morning and afternoon performances	Christmas performances are back! Tickets will be free but limited to two per family, per key stage.
8 <sup>th</sup> December KS1 morning and afternoon performances	
Christmas Crafts Week	<p>Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something they love.</p> <p><b><u>We are asking that children pay £1.00 to join-in.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The SVP's Gift of Kindness Appeal.</u></b> All monies raised go towards the <b>SVP Cost of Living Support Fund</b> to help people who are struggling in these challenging times. Every £1 given to the appeal will be matched with another £1.</p>
14 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day	
15 <sup>th</sup> Pyjama and Christmas Film Day	
16 <sup>th</sup> December Break-up	Singalong
<p>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Children return to school</p>	