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**A Warm Heart, A Warm Coat**

As autumn winds begin to blow,  
And chilly days bring frost and snow,  
There are children who walk through the school gate,  
Without a coat to keep them safe.

For some, the cold bites with no relief,  
A quiet need, wrapped in belief,  
That hearts will open, and hands will share,  
A gift of warmth, a coat to wear.

So if you have a coat to spare,  
A little love, a little care,  
Please think of those who brave the cold,  
Whose stories quietly unfold.

Let's help them laugh, let's help them play,  
In warmth and comfort every day.  
For every child deserves to know  
The kindness that we all can show.

A coat for warmth, a gift from the heart,  
Together, we can do our part.

Dear St Mary's Catholic Primary School Community,

As we progress through this academic term, it is with great pleasure that I share with you the myriad developments and achievements that have transpired within our esteemed institution. The collective efforts of our pupils, staff, and wider school community have culminated in a series of noteworthy accomplishments and initiatives that warrant celebration and acknowledgement.



Foremost, it is heartening to report that pupils across all year groups have acclimated admirably to the academic rigours of the new term. This seamless transition serves as a testament to their resilience and adaptability, qualities that will undoubtedly serve them well in their future endeavours.

In our ongoing commitment to providing enriching educational experiences, we have diligently arranged a series of excursions for our pupils. However, it is imperative to note that the successful execution of these trips is contingent upon adequate financial contributions. We kindly implore parents and guardians to ensure timely payments, as the school incurred a substantial deficit in the previous term due to insufficient contributions.



We are delighted to announce the introduction of ukulele lessons for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, further diversifying our musical curriculum. Additionally, our comprehensive sports programme continues to flourish, offering pupils ample opportunities for physical development and teamwork.

It is particularly gratifying to report that our after-school club has reached full capacity, underscoring its popularity and the value it brings to our school community. This high level of engagement is a clear indication of the programme's success in meeting the needs of our pupils and their families.

Regrettably, we must inform you that the scheduled Mass in school was cancelled this week due to Father Michael's indisposition with COVID-19. We extend our heartfelt wishes for his swift recovery and kindly request that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

In matters of school safety, we have recently updated our site security risk assessment. We welcome any observations or suggestions from parents and guardians regarding potential areas for improvement in our security measures. Your input is invaluable in maintaining a safe and secure learning environment for our pupils.

We would like to remind all parents and guardians of the importance of providing medications in their original packaging. This practise ensures that we can accurately identify the dosage and the name of the child, thereby safeguarding the health and wellbeing of our pupils.

Furthermore, we must reiterate our strict policy prohibiting vaping on school premises. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a healthy environment for our school community.

The significance of regular reading cannot be overstated. We strongly encourage parents to ensure that their children engage in reading activities at least four times per week. Reading is fundamental to academic success across all subjects and plays a crucial role in a child's educational development.



On the infrastructural front, we are pleased to announce the installation of new LED lighting throughout the school, as well as the fitting of new fire doors. These upgrades significantly enhance both the energy efficiency and safety of our premises.

## At St. Mary's in Madeley

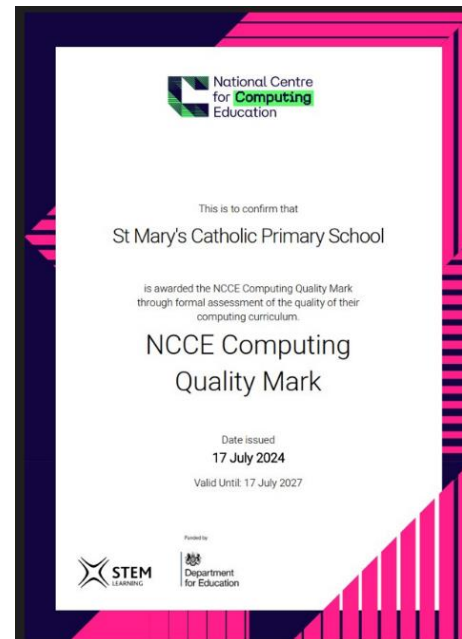
In the heart of St. Mary's, where  
children run free,  
Under heaven's watch, they grow  
like the tree.  
With happy faces, their spirits  
shine bright,  
Guided by love, they learn what is  
right.

They work with hands eager, and  
hearts full of cheer,  
Each step in their journey, God  
holds them near.  
Through lessons of wisdom, they  
thrive every day,  
With caring teachers to show  
them the way.

The classrooms are buzzing, young  
minds taking flight,  
Settled and peaceful, they seek  
what is right.  
In faith, they are nurtured, in  
kindness, they stand,  
The seeds of compassion grow  
strong in this land.

Together, they flourish, in  
laughter and prayer,  
At St. Mary's in Madeley, they are  
loved beyond compare.  
With God as their shepherd, their  
guide, and their friend,  
In His light, they grow, and on  
Him they depend.

It is with great pride that we share two remarkable achievements within our staff. Miss Bulkeley-Jones has worked tirelessly to secure our school's certificate from the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE) Computing Quality Framework. This accreditation underscores our commitment to delivering an exemplary computing curriculum.



Additionally, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mr Morgan on successfully completing his National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership (NPQML). This qualification, accredited by the UK Department for Education, reflects Mr Morgan's dedication to professional development and leadership within our school.

Lastly, we would like to commend our Year 2 pupils for their exceptional attendance record. They came remarkably close to achieving 100% attendance this week, falling short by only a narrow margin. Their commitment to regular school attendance is truly commendable and sets an excellent example for their peers.

As we continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of our educational provision, we remain deeply grateful for the ongoing support and engagement of our school community. Together, we are fostering an environment where our pupils

can thrive and reach their full potential.

**Heavenly Father,**

**As we enter this weekend, lift up the families of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School. Surround them with your grace and love, and bless their time together.**

**Grant them rest and peace from the week's challenges. May their homes be filled with laughter, understanding, and warmth. Strengthen their bonds with one another, and let their hearts be filled with joy and gratitude.**

**Guide them in your light, and keep them safe in your care. May your presence be felt in every conversation, every shared meal, and every moment of quiet reflection.**

**Help us all to remember the blessings we have and to offer our love and kindness to those around us. As we rest, may we draw closer to you and prepare our hearts for the week ahead.**

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**