

# St. Martha's News

'Together we live and learn, we play and pray'

Friday 23rd September 2022

## Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely watching the Reception children settle in to school life at St Martha's. They are adapting well to the routine of being in Reception and this



week has been the first that they have had lunch at school. They have also enjoyed playing outside with some of the other children at St Martha's.

I would like to welcome all our new Reception to our school as well as all our new families. We hope you and your children will be very happy here.



On Thursday, Year 2 to Year 6 celebrated Mass together at Church. It was lovely to see some parents there to celebrate the start of our new academic year.

Please remember that I will be holding a coffee morning next Friday from 9am, if you would like to join me for a tea/coffee and a sweet treat. It will be lovely to just have a chat with you and start to get to know you all. I will be organising another one shortly at a different time for those who are unable to make it.

The start of a new academic year always brings illness amongst children. I have asked staff to ensure that children are washing their hands often throughout the day. If your child is unwell with Norovirus, please can you ensure that they stay off from school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick. This helps to stop the spread of the bug in school. Thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Edwards

# Reception admission for the next academic year 2023-24

The Reception Admission window will open on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and close on 15th January 2023. If you, or anyone you know, would like your child to join our school next year, it would be our pleasure to welcome you into our school and see our Reception Class in action. We have a morning session and an afternoon session.

> Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 to 10:30 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1pm – 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you then. Please remember that if you have a sibling already in the school, you must still follow the procedure to apply for a place for your next child. If you need any help with your forms, our Office staff will be more than happy to help.

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Headteacher: Rachel Edwards Deputy Headteacher: Hayley Pink

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 16:19-31



# **Safeguarding**

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs. Pink and Mrs. Child.

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Martim, Arthur, John, Ivy

Year 1: Zuzanna, Sophie

> Year 2: Lucas

Year 4: Julia, Natasha, Tim

> Year 5: Zuzanna

Year 6: Freya

May God never stop showering you with His blessing!

## Bumped Heads – New procedure

Looking after your child is our number one priority and it is important that communication with parents is crucial. As is common practice in schools, from now on, if your child has bumped their head at school, a member of staff will provide you with a courtesy call to let you know that they have bumped their head, how we have dealt with them and that we will monitor them in school. Unless it is severe you do not need to come to school. If there are any changes to the child's health following the bump, we will keep you updated.

## Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 Parents the secondary school admissions system is now open for you to apply online. Please be aware that this will close on the 31st October 2022.

#### Timeline for Admissions:

- Round opens 9 September 2022
- Round closes 31 October 2022
- National Offer day school place decisions are made available - 1 March 2023
- Appeals closing date 22 March 2023
- Mini admission round to consider changes 3 April 2023
- Late appeals closing date 19 April 2023
- Appeals hearings May/June 2023
- Waiting lists maintained for over-subscribed schools until 31 December 2023

Please see the Norfolk County Website for more information.

## Attendance Award

Congratulations to Reception Yellow with 100% attendance this week. A great start to the term.

Which class will be the winning class next week?

## Uniform Swap Shop

Thank you to everyone who has donated clothes and also used our Swap Shop. It has been very successful the last two weeks and we have very few items of clothing left. If you have spare clothes, which you would like to continue to bring in for the Swap Shop, please do but we will now be running the shop the last Friday of each month. Our next one will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

(last Friday before half term break).



We have had a lot of lost property left at the school office, which has not been named. If your child has lost any uniform, please do come to the office to collect it. All uniform that is named, does

get delivered back to the child so it is really important that you name all items of clothing, particularly jumpers and cardigans.

Any unclaimed items will be put in to our Swap Shop at the end of the month.



Each week, the class teachers pick one child from their class to receive the Learning Award and one to receive the Behaviour Award. This week we congratulate the following children for achieving these awards:

	Behaviour	<u>Learning</u>	
Year 1:	Ethan and Kimberly	Grayson and Kellen	
Year 2:	Chibuzor and Ella	Arlo and Sammy	
Year 3:	Freddie and Henry	Alexandra and Oliver	
Year 4:	Eesa and Gabby	Aiden and Evie	
Year 5:	Robyn and Viktor	Kamaki and Inesa	
Year 6:	Logan and Gabrielle	Angela and Freddie	
Dates for your Diary			
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 6 and 2 Class Mass – Parents invited		
30 <sup>th</sup> September	per 9am: Coffee Morning to meet Mrs Edwards		
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