

Update for parents: 10

Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Poppy Appeal Children In Need

We are delighted to let you know that as a school we raised £637 for the Poppy Appeal this year. That is an amazing amount and far exceeded expectations for this year and the amount we raised last November. Thank you.

Children In Need

It is lovely to see the children in their spots and stripes today – and even a few Pudsey Bears have been spotted around school. Thank you again for all your donations. So far we have raised over £320. If you haven't yet donated for child's non-uniform day there is still time, you can logon and pay via ParentPay. Thank you for all your support.

Bonfire Picture Competition

Thank you and well done to all those children who took part in the bonfire art competition. Upton Mill Care Home said the following:

“Wow!! What amazing pictures, our residents really had their work cut out for them, they were all so brilliant. They really enjoyed their afternoon judging and had to have a little tea break in between as they were exhausted bless them. After a few hours they came to a decision who were the winners but we really think they were all winners. Thank you to all the children who entered, it really made them smile, which is priceless.”

All children who took part received a certificate today and prizes were given to:

KS1

First Prize – Darcy S

Second Prize - Archie B

Third Prize – Sophie P

KS2

First Prize – Emily C

Second Prize – Lilleigh S

Third Prize – Martha FM

Staff absences

As you will be aware from my previous email, we have two members of staff who have been self-isolating this week as a result of being in close contact with people outside of school who later tested positive. I am pleased to say both members of staff are fine and should be returning to school on Monday.

I am a little reluctant to say this as it may be tempting the gods – but so far we have had no positive cases of coronavirus in pupils or staff at the school.



Hot lunches

I have had some questions from parents about the possibility of starting hot lunches again. We would love to be able to do this and are working very hard to do so however we have run into many problems with the logistics of organising it in the bubbles. We will continue to think of ways to achieve serving hot lunches and I will keep you updated.

Extra-curricular activities

Mr Knight and I were hoping that we would be able to start up some after school sporting activities, particularly as there are no sports clubs running in the community at present and I know many parents in Years 4 -6 had signed up to his offer of multi sports. Unfortunately, we have received communication from the Local Authority that schools are advised not to run any extra-curricular activities currently so we will have to put this offer on hold for the time being. I am hoping that we might be able to pick this up after this current lockdown and we will keep parents informed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Woolley

Headteacher

PTFA update

St. Mary's PTFA would like to thank everyone for their support with our recent fundraising events.

It was lovely to see everyone enjoy wearing their own clothes to school in October. Many outfits included beautiful autumnal colours. Your support raised a brilliant £359 for our school.

Last week, we enjoyed a well deserved end of week treat, thanks to the supportive and generous Priory Inn. We managed to eat our way to £161 for the school!

St. Mary's PTFA