



"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."

A Message from Mrs. Blicow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

How fitting, that after receiving our accreditation as a 'Live Simply School', that the start of a new month revealed a new Virtue to explore – Simplicity.

In our collective worship, we learned that by living simply, you don't look out for the next thing to buy or trend to follow and that when you live with 'just enough', without always wanting more, that little by little you come to realise that you don't need many things to live a happy life. Living simply, gives you time to think of others, to do good and care for creation. Something, which the children of St. Mary's have been highly praised for.

Living simply helps you put more trust in God.

"Happiness means knowing how to limit some needs which only diminish us, and being open to the many different possibilities which life can offer." (Pope Francis, Laudate Si para. 222)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Blicow



St. Mary's Celebrate Their Live Simply Award



This week we received our official accreditation as a CAFOD Live Simply School, with the arrival of our certificate and beautifully handcrafted wooden plaque. In his summing up, our assessor said, 'The school is very evidently dedicated to providing opportunities to the pupils to engage actively with living out their faith... it is a real delight to be invited into a school like yours where the spirit and ethos of Living Simply and the bringing to life for pupils, staff and family of these precious principles is so strong and evident. We are all extremely proud of our achievements and look forward to continuing our journey of making a notable impact on our community and wider world.'

Term Dates

Term Begins

Thursday 4th January 2024

Ash Wednesday

Start of Lent

14th February

Half Term

19th – 25th February

Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday

14th March

Term Ends

Thursday 28th March (3.15PM)

New Term Begins

Monday 15th April

PCSO Tony Pays A Visit



On Tuesday, the children received a visit from PCSO Tony. Police Community Support Officers, are an essential part of neighbourhood policing. They are approachable and offer reassurance, helping to build trust and provide vital support that helps to make our towns and villages safer and stronger. PCSO Tony is a regular visitor to our playground where he chats with children, building up strong, positive relationships.

Spotlight On Art



This week, it seems all our children have been 'flexing their artistic muscles'. Year 1 first dabbled with calligraphy, before using printing ink to create their final masterpieces. Year 5 were exploring the sculptural potential of natural materials before working collaboratively to create land art installations. While Year 6 used stencilling techniques to recreate Inuit art taking their inspiration from pictures, carvings and sculptures of animals.

Prayer Focus

February is the month of the Holy Family and so our prayer experiences has them at the centre, and the important role they have in our lives, even today. This week, Year 2 visited some prayer stations in our Marian Room, where they learned more about Mary, Jesus and Joseph.



Officially Open



Today saw the official opening of our little lending library, which is situated near the Reception classroom, adjacent to the redbrick building. Please enjoy the books and return them for someone else to enjoy too.

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion

