



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

A Message from Mrs. Blincow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have all been enjoying the last of the Summer sunshine this week, making the most of the weather and taking our learning outdoors. Year 5 have been in the garden, trying to 'tame' the flowerbeds, while the children from Reception explored the school grounds, collecting leaves, which they then examined under the microscope back in class. Year 2, went a little further, as they went on an environmental walk around Kings Heath, looking at the architecture and other physical features of their local area.

It has been lovely to hear the excited 'chatter' of children back in school after the holidays and with our Year 6 Leaders now in place, the other classes have been busy selecting representatives for other leadership roles within the school, including Faith Ambassadors and Pupil Council. (More photos will appear in next week's newsletter.)

As we are in the midst of 'The Season of Creation' (1st Sept – 4th Oct), I leave you this week with a message taken from the words of Pope Francis:

"In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again, as He guides our efforts to renew the face of the earth."

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Blincow



Head Boy and Girl and Their Deputies



Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl and their Deputies, who were officially appointed at our Celebration Assembly on Friday morning. As part of the selection process, the children were asked to write letters outlining why they wanted to take on the role and what qualities they possessed, which would make them right for the job. The pupil leadership roles will see them take on responsibilities which will include, meeting and greeting important visitors to the school, helping to lead the school's Pupil Council and act as role models for their peers. We wish you good luck and every success in your new roles.

Term Dates

Term Begins

Wednesday 6th September

Feast of the Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 8th September

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 3rd October

Wednesday 4th October

Half-Term

Monday 23rd Oct – Sun 29th Oct

School Re-opens

Monday 30th October

Welcome To Our New Reception Class



Our new Reception class have been settling in to life at St. Mary's, joining the whole school at Mass and Liturgy and Worship as well as exploring the outdoors, as they embarked upon an Autumn Trail and visiting the school library. The children were also presented with prayer bags containing a prayer card and tea light, a symbol, reminding them to, 'shine their light' brightly. We welcome them to the school family and wish all of them every success.



House Captains and Sports Captains



Our new House Captains and Sports Captains were also revealed at Celebration Assembly. Both groups will lead their Houses in activities and sporting events, which will be organised throughout the year. As Leaders, they will act as role models, encouraging and supporting their peers. Congratulations to all of you.



St. Mary's The School's Feast Day

Last Friday, we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a beautiful Mass. Visiting from Northampton cathedral, was Father Daniel. Having arrived in the town three weeks ago, this was his first Mass in one of the local schools. The Year 6 children lead us in the Liturgy of the word, while the whole school sang hymns honouring Mary.

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion

