St Mary's News

**Ethos statement for this week and next week: I can say how I feel**

 **I can laugh and have fun**

**MORNING PRAYER**

The first Morning Prayer of the new school year was led beautifully by Class 5 this week. A big thank you to the families and friends who attended this morning.

**5th October –** Class 4 Harvest assembly **19th October-** Class 3 Morning Prayer

**FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR 2019**
Application forms are now available from Fr. Eamonn for those who wish to join the preparation programme for First Confession 2019. This is the first part of your child’s preparation for First Holy Communion. First Confession is celebrated in 2019, then the children will make their First Holy Communion the following year. The Preparation Programme will begin with a **Parents Meeting on Sunday 7th October at 11.15am**
Please pick up an Application Form from Fr Eamonn before this meeting so we know how many books to order for the preparation. (Yr. 3 upwards)

For your information Mass times are Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 10am.

# **MINI VINNIES**

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies who attended the recomissioning Mass on Friday 14th September. They got the chance to meet Bishop Marcus and as ever they were a credit to the school.

**STAR OF THE WEEK (**a weekly celebration in KS2)

Congratulations to:

Class 6 Roksana Greidane & Tyler Greenwood Class 7 Keilan Parnell & Frankie Ingham

Class 8 Ollie Mortimer & Alfie Mack Class 9 Alfie Taylor & Lexie Widdop

Class 10 Ryan Hosier & Summer Arnott Class 11 Lily Murphy & Elise Briggs

**SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Thank you for your understanding and quick response to the school closure yesterday. The water system failed just before school started and then electricity went off around 9.15am in parts of the school. The water system is powered by the pump and so we had no drinking water, toilet flushing facilities etc. The electric company could not guarantee a time for power to be restored so we had no option than to close. A fault at a local substation was eventually found to be the cause. The school app is the main way we communicate school information such school closures, reminders etc so it is vital you have the app downloaded.

**SCHOOL JOTTER APP**

User names and passwords were issued before the summer holidays and reminders sent home last week. It is essential you have downloaded the App and logged in with your password. Any parents who have not yet done so please activate the app, if you haven’t received a password please ring/call in to the office asap.

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Please can you let the school office know if you have changed your mobile number- ideally the office should have 2 contacts for if your child is ill.

If your child spends a significant amount of time during the week with different parents please make sure we have up to date numbers for you both. Thank you

**DINNERS**

The new banding service seems to be working well (first day mix up apart!). Children are getting their choice of meal regardless of which sitting they are on over lunchtime. Hopefully this will encourage more children to take a hot meal choice.

**CLIFFE HOUSE**

Year 5 and Year 6 children will be going on their residential visit to Cliffe House week beginning 28th January 2019. There will be a parents meeting on Monday 8th October at 6pm to share details of the visit including activities, cost etc.

**Diary Dates**

**Monday 1st Oct – Torchlight Procession**

**Sunday 7th Oct- Parents meeting for First Confession 11.15am in school**

**Monday 8th Oct- Cliffe House meeting 6pm in the school hall**

**Thursday 11th Oct- Flu nasal vaccinations**

**Wk. beg 22nd Oct Parents Evening (more details to follow)**

**Friday 26th Oct School finishes for half term**

**Tues 6th Nov School reopens for pupils.**