St. Mary’s News 2018-19

**MORNING PRAYER-** This morning Harvest Festival was the focus of Class 4’s Morning Prayer. As ever thank you to the family and friends who came to support the children. A very big thank you for all the donations that we have collected and offered in thanksgiving. They will all be donated to the local food bank. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others. We have launched our new focus on virtues this week**. Charity is the focus for October**- being charitable and doing things for charity in a selfless way. We are looking out for children showing examples of charity around school. We would love for you to let us know of times when your child/family have done something charitable.

**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.

**PRAYER BAGS-** In October classes 6,7,8 are studying Mary in RE lessons so they are bringing home prayer bags. Class 2 and 3 are also bringing the bags home too. There is a leaflet explaining what to do as well as a candle (for adult supervision) and a set of rosary beads. Once you have had a chance to pray together could you write on the card rosary bead someone/something you would like prayers for and we can pin it on our focus worship board to remember them in our class/school prayers.

**TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION-** It was so lovely to see so many of our families taking part in the Torchlight Procession on Monday evening. It is a great opportunity to be a witness to our faith (even when the wind kept blowing our candles out!!) We were especially proud of the children who represented St Mary’s with the singing which was amazing, especially in church. We were also proud of Evie Hemingway who read the prayer in the Market Place in front of all those people. Classes 10/11 did a great job helping the parish by making over 400 torches last week.

Thank you to: Michael Anderson, Macy Connolly, Mason Crofts, Ellie Dakin, Caitlin Foley, Lily Gierula, Jacob Gudel, Evie Hemingway, Evie Jagger, Megan Lepidi, Lucas Murray, Lewis O’Donnell, Ruby Richardson, Karis Senior and Lexie Widdop. Heartfelt thanks to the parents for encouraging the children to take part.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY IS TODAY-** some children have asked to bring an envelope home for you to make a donation. Any amounts are gratefully received and will be handed in to St Mary’s Church for them to pass on to CAFOD

**CHRISTMAS BOX APPEAL**- it is that time again where we try to fill 100 shoeboxes for disadvantaged children around the world. We have a small number of decorated shoeboxes available in school-please pop into the office and we can give you one to take home to fill.

**Ethos statement for this week and next week: I know what to do if I see anyone hurt**

**I understand that rights match responsibility**

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

Congratulations to:

Class 6 Jenson-Owen Hinton & Amelia Lister Class 7 Jasmine Dakin & Hollie Hinchliffe

Class 8 James Fisher & Jessica Rhys-Hill Class 9 Molly Toohey & Georgia Finneran

Class 10 Lacey Middleton & Saskia Firth Class 11 Kai Dorr & Maddison Newsome

**SUPERKIDS (a weekly celebration in KS1)**

Well done to:

Class 1: Amelia Ryan, Kimberley Horbik, Chase Scrutton, Spencer Rodgerson, Harvey Hill and

Katelyn Waters

Class 2: Daniyal Hussain, Emerson Austerfield and Julia Krzetowska

Class 3: Luke Squires, Scarlett France and Matilda Walker

Class 4: Billy Oates, Brooke Wilkinson and Atlanta Todd

Class 5: Samuel Parlar, Kara Coop and Alfie Holmes

**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.

**CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS-** We are amazed both at the turn out and the success of the children from St Mary’s who attended the cross country event this week. We had 40 children who took part (thanks to the parents who gave great vocal support on the night) with many placed in their events. There were 80 children in total who proceeded though to the final next week in Huddersfield and 21 of them are from St Mary’s!!

**Diary Dates**

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

Monday 8th Oct- Cliffe House meeting 6pm in the school hall (for classes 9,10,11)

**Tuesday 9th Oct- Cross country finals 12.30-3pm**

Thursday 11th Oct- Flu nasal vaccinations

**Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th Oct Parents Evening** (letter to follow)

Friday 26th Oct School finishes for half term **(also non uniform day with donations of chocolate for the Paris Autumn Fair.)**

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

**Parish support for the planning application for the old school and convent** A planning application has been submitted to Kirklees for the demolition of the disused Infant building and Convent. The planning is for a new parish car park (opposite school) and a small residential area (access from the end of the top road). Any comments about the proposal should be made to [www.kirklees.gov.uk/planning](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/planning) or by email to [dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk) quoting reference 2018/92555. Fr Eamonn says ‘’Please send in a letter of support on behalf of the parish so we can finally develop this site for the benefit of St Mary’s.’’