

St. Mary's News 2018-19

JUSTICE IS THE FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER- in school we are focusing on Justice, especially on the notion of fairness for all. We are also focusing on Remembrance, not just linked to the Great Wars but to our own family members who have died too.

Poppies - sales of poppies raised £135 which is amazing-thank you to class 7 who raised £45 with their handmade poppies.

Fr Eamonn commented on whole school Mass (9th Nov) and how lovely it was. There was a special atmosphere during that Mass as we remembered our loved ones who have died. A poem written by Oscar White (Yr 3) about WW1 was read out at this Mass and the Parish Masses that weekend. Classes 4 and 5 represented school with excellent behaviour and respect at the War Memorial on Friday 9th. Thank you.

Class 10 led an assembly this week telling us all about Saint Oscar Romero who stood up and preached against injustice in El Salvador and was assassinated whilst saying Mass. There are pictures on the website and some lovely artwork to see.

NON uniform day for Children in Need raised £264

Christmas Shoeboxes- we have around 50 boxes so far, last call for any to be handed in on Monday

PRAYER BAGS- In November classes 9,10,11 are studying Justice in RE lessons so they are bringing home prayer bags. Class 4 and 5 are also bringing the bags home too as they study Remembrance during this half term. There is a leaflet explaining what to do as well as a candle (for adult supervision) and a little wooden cross. Once you have had a chance to pray together could you write on the card, 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.

SUPERKIDS AND STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to all the children who have been awarded Star of the Week or Superkid

Class 1 Tylon Cox, Kai Heylings, Atif Nasser & Libertee Flatley

Class 2 Cohen Hudson & all Class 2

Class 4 Patrick O'Brien & Iqra Shah

Class 6 Tj Green & Amelia Lister

Class 8 Elliot Newsome-Brennan & Lilly McCabe

Class 10 Jakub Hutek & Finlay Lister-Tranter

Class 3 Elina Vadsariya & Zachariah Guest

Class 5 Charlie Walker & Florence Taylor

Class 7 Mia Paluch & Brena Dyer-Oates

Class 9 Affan Ahmad & Megan Lepidi

Class 11 McKenzi Fozard & Leah Flatley

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES- tickets are on sale for the Christmas shows. Today is the last day for restrictions so if you haven't bought any yet please ring or call into the office as they go on general sale Monday and you may miss out. Due to fire health and safety we have to restrict the number of tickets for each performance.

EYU- 4 tickets per family Mon 10th @ 2.15pm and Tues 11th @ 9.15am

KS1-2 tickets per family Wed 12th @ 2.15pm and Thurs 13th @ 9.15am

KS2 2 tickets per family Tues 11th @2.15pm, Wed 12th @ 9.15am and Thurs 13th @ 2.15pm

SCHOOL MENUS HAVE CHANGED- Kirklees have changed the lunch choices from this week. School kitchen has to follow Kirklees new menus, if you have any problems/concerns with them could you please let us know, preferably by email so the staff can then feedback to the Kirklees catering service. office@stmarysbatley.co.uk

PHOTOS- order deadline Wednesday 28th November with payment.

DINNER MONEY- Kirklees have been in touch about the amount of dinner money arrears that St Mary's have accrued. Please clear any debt asap. You will be asked to provide a packed lunch if the money owing is not cleared.

PANTO VISIT- St Mary's Theatre group have very kindly offered to take time off work and put on 2 extra performances just for our children to see their Pantomime. On Thursday 6th December the morning nursery children and KS2 will walk down to the Parochial Hall for their performance and will back in school for normal lunchtime. Afternoon nursery children and KS1 will finish lunchtime slightly early and walk to the Hall for 1pm start. This will ensure they are back in school for the end of school. Please sign the permission slip and send into school with the donation of £3.50. We hope all children will be able to go.

SAFEGUARDING - the designated safeguarding lead staff in school are Mrs Grant, Mr Glover and Miss Liversidge. Please see one of us if you have any safeguarding concerns. Alternatively please contact Kirklees duty and advice team 01484 414960 or out of hours emergency duty service 01484 414933

Useful websites: Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.com

Keeping children safe online www.ceop.gov.uk

Bullying and child abuse www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk or www.kidscape.org.uk or www.childline.org.uk or www.nspcc.org.uk

CSE internet safety www.ceop.org.uk/thinkuknow or www.childnet-int.org

Kidsmart www.kidsmart.org.uk or www.yhqfl.net

Diary Dates

Fri 30th November-KS1 bikeability all day (balance bikes provided)

Tues 4th and Wed 5th Dec- Santa shop

Thurs 6th Panto at St Mary's Parochial Hall (see letter that came home this week)

Week beginning 10th Dec- Christmas shows- see above

Mon 17th Craft Fair @3.30pm

Tues 18th KS 1 and KS 2 parties- more details to follow

Wed 19th EYU parties- ALL nursery children in for morning session, NO afternoon session

Thurs 20th Carol service in Church @ 2pm

Fri 21st Whole School Advent Mass

Friday 21st Dec- school closes at 3.20pm for Christmas holidays

Monday 7th January 2019 school re-opens to pupils