

St Mary's News

Our ethos statements this week and next week:

I try to follow our school and classroom rules

I know I belong in a community that includes my school.

Virtue Our Virtue for this half term is Faith. Faith is trust and confidence in God. Living faith is shown by service and obedience to God. We are focusing on how we can show our Faith

Morning Prayer

A big thank you and very well done to class 4 who led Morning Prayer this morning. It was lovely to see how confident they all were especially as I know it is the very first time some of them have spoken in front of the whole school. The singing was just wonderful too. Thank you to our family members who joined us this morning and for your lovely comments.

Class 3 Friday 1st February @ 10am Class 2 Friday 15th February @ 10am

Confirmation for classes 9, 10, 11

Class 11 had class Mass today with the theme of Faith. After Mass Fr Eamonn spoke to them about the sacrament of Confirmation. He reminded them that Yr 5 and Yr6 children now prepare for Confirmation not Yr 9 as in previous years.

A number of children were really interested so as a reminder, the children eligible for this sacrament must have already made their First Confession and First Holy Communion and be in Year 5 or Year 6.

1. Please complete an application form (available from Monday in school as well as from Church), return the form to Fr Eamonn ready for enrolling.
2. First class is next Sunday (27th January) after 10am Mass

Year 6 children will be confirmed in June this year and Year 5 children will be confirmed before Christmas this year.

Baptism Fr Eamonn also reminded the children that Baptism is available to all not just when they are babies. He is encouraging anyone who has a child who has not yet been baptised to come forward to see him after one of the weekend Masses (Saturday at 6pm or Sunday at 10am) and pick up an application form and arrange a date. Baptisms take place at 11.30am on Sundays (after Mass has finished)

Star of the Week

Class 6	Finley Cairns	Class 7	Taylor Hosier
Class 8	Megan Middleton	Class 9	Scarlett Greene
Class 10	Harrison fisher	Class 11	Jasmin Bowers

Superkids winners

Class 1	Alfie Hall, Gabriel Korytko, Aleena Anjum and Leilla Nicholson
Class 2	Finnley Gregory and Oliver Bower
Class 3	Eloise Todd and Enaan Ahmed
Class 4	Antoni Korytko and Bethany Goodlad
Class 5	Sammi Sarkozi and Henry Hill

Cliffe House

The children in classes 9, 10, 11 (and staff!!) are very excited as Cliffe House is very near. This is a final plea for monies to be paid and a reminder that all children will benefit from this trip, making lots of memories and great team building opportunities. Please see us rather than keeping your child off school due to finance. Donations towards this trip are not voluntary as the cost is for the meals and overnight stays. The educational activities and Cliffe House staff are all provided free.

Free school meals

It is a time of financial hardship for St Mary's. You could help boost our budget simply by applying for free school meals EVEN IF your child already receives a school meal because they are in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2. For every successful application school receives an extra £1300-this money makes the difference on the number of classes we have in school, the number of books we can buy, the number of staff we can employ. This funding also helps to pay for the school nurse service and Graham (Catholic Care). Please take a few minutes to see if you would be eligible. If you are on a low income or in receipt of certain benefits then your child may be eligible. Please go to www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolmeals or ring 01484 221928. **We have noticed this week there are 9 children (in EYU or classes 2/3 or 4/5) whose older siblings are registered but they are not which means school could be getting another £10,000 into our budget-please check if you have registered all your children not just the older ones.**

Litter- There are new litter bins on the top road to try to cut down on the amount of litter, especially as it blows into the cemetery and onto graves. Please can you use these bins to help with keeping the area nice and tidy. Thank you

Lunch time dangers- We have a child in school with a nut allergy so please can you not put peanuts into your child's lunchbox- items with a few nuts in the ingredients are ok or peanut butter spread but nuts themselves are a risk. Also a repeated plea for all grapes to be sliced in half, long ways, as sadly there are many cases where grapes have been the cause of deaths in choking episodes. Whilst this cannot guarantee children won't choke it will certainly minimise the risk.

Diary Dates

28th Jan-30th Yr 6 to Cliffe House **30th Jan-1st Feb Year 5 to Cliffe House**

Tues 22nd Jan-Yr 5/6 Sports Hall athletics

Sun 27th Jan First Communion, Confession and Confirmation classes

Week beg 11th Feb Parents evenings and Book Fair more details to follow

Friday 15th Feb- last day of school before half term