

St Mary's News

Our ethos statements this week and next week:

I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you.

I co-operate with others in work and play.

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. This week we listened to the story of Jesus and the Roman Centurion in assemblies.

Morning Prayer

A big thank you and very well done to class 3 who led Morning Prayer last week. It was a lovely, respectful worship. As ever the singing was wonderful. Thank you to our family members who supported the children.

Class 2 Friday 15th February @ 10am

Sacramental classes-Just a reminder that there are classes on Sunday for all children preparing for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Mini Vinnies-Our Mini Vinnies were visited by pupils from Holy Spirit this week to see how the meetings are run and what the Mini Vinnies are all about. Holy Spirit are hoping to introduce Mini Vinnies at their school, so we were glad to help them in this new venture. Next week is the last week before half term. On Friday 15th the Mini Vinnies would like to hold a non-uniform day with all proceeds going to the Batley homeless centre. They do not want money donations but donations of toiletries or hats and scarves etc. A letter will come home on Monday outlining what each class might like to contribute.

Bibles-We have been made aware of a charity who donate bibles into school for only 50p per child (from Yr 2 upwards). We made a successful application and this week over 200 bibles were delivered for our children. The bibles stay in school for the children to use in RE lessons and worship preparation but when they leave St Mary's they take the bible with them as a keepsake. Fr Eamonn has kindly agreed for St Mary's Parish to also contribute to the cost of the bibles too so thank you to him and the parishioners.

Star of the Week

Class 6 Finley Crosby & Sophie O'Sullivan

Class 7 Emmiellia O'Sullivan & Megan Young

Class 8 Skyla Gowlett & Elliot Hooley

Class 9 Megan Lepidi

Class 10/11 Summer Arnott, Saskia Firth, Ella-Maye Mack, Lily Murphy & Natasha Payne

Class 11 Tedde Smith

All Yr 5 and Yr 6 for amazing team work, behaviour and attitude at Cliffe House last week.

Superkids winners

Class 1	Oliver newsome, Scarlet McDaid, Arnoldas Vilcinskas and Oliver Firth Lila Bedford and Dominik Katryniok
Class 2	Miley Davies and Olivia Dwyer and Joseph Lythe
Class 3	Scarlett France and Tommy Reynard and Amelia Wilkinson
Class 4	Joshua Pearce and Harvey McClean and Fallon Austerfield
Class 5	Henry Hill and Kitsy Rodgers and Willow McCabe

Cliffe House - a big thank you to all our staff who accompanied our Yr 5 and Yr 6 children for their residential trip last week. I visited all day Wednesday and Friday and it was soooooo cold!! Lots of fun was had by all though (including staff!) Thank you to the PTF whose donation paid for the coach and enabled a child go on the trip. A local charity called Let June Make a Difference also paid for 3 pupils to go so many thanks to them too. The children were a credit to St Mary's and the teamwork seen was amazing.

Parent's evening- next week it is Parent's Evening on Wednesday and Thursday from 3.30-6pm. Please make an appointment to come and see your class teacher to celebrate the work your child is achieving but also to discuss ways you might be able to help with their learning too (including attendance and punctuality)

In the Hall on these evenings there will be the usual refreshment stall manned by the Rotakids (please can we have donations of baking and/or biscuits). The Book Fair will be open and you should have received a leaflet about this. The annual questionnaire for parents will also be available for you to complete. Tea towels will be on sale too.

World Book Day School dinner theme day - on Thursday 7th March it is World Book Day. The school dinner service are hosting a theme day that day and you should have received a letter about this. Please send your order in by Wednesday 13th Feb and make payment by Friday 15th Feb.

Also we are encouraging everyone (even grown-ups) to dress as a book character on this day too.

Diary Dates

Sun 10th Sacramental classes after 10am Mass

Mon 11th Yr 6 health screening check

Wed 13th and Thurs 14th Feb Parents evenings and Book Fair

Friday 15th Feb- non uniform day- Finish for half term @ 3.20pm

Friday 15th Valentine's Disco 7-9pm £2 per ticket per person- tickets still available

Mon 25th Feb- First day back for pupils

Fri 1st March- Class 2 Morning Prayer

Wed 6th March Ash Wednesday

Fri 12th April- close for Easter @ 3.20pm