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Our ethos statements this week and next week:

- I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope
- I know what humility means

Morning Prayer

A big thank you and very well done to class 3 who led Morning Prayer last week. You could hear a pin drop when they were reading so beautifully. Yet again the singing was amazing. A big thank you for the many parents and family who came to support the class too.

Friday 5th April Class 2

Superkids and Star of the Week

EYU	Faith Sheard, Sophia Dawson, Lauren Curtis and Kimberley Horbik		
Class 2	Archie Lindley and Isobella Blackburn		
Class 3	Vanessa Bosela and Patrick Pinder		
Class 4	Joshua Fisher and Alana Firth		
Class 5	Kara Coop and Alfie Holmes		
Class 6	Tj Green	Class 7	Bremner Mould
Class 8	Keisha Sharif	Class 9	Ruby-Leigh Morphett & Broden Blakeley
Class 10	Joel Giscombe	Class 11	Kai Dorr

Lent and fundraising

Please return the sponsor cards to school on Monday or Tuesday before we do the sponsored walk on Wednesday. Once completed the cards will be signed and sent back home so you can collect the money.

The latest total for the loose change red boxes is £130 with still 2 weeks to go!! Next week a 'guess how many sweets in a jar' competition is starting at a cost of 50p per guess. Also we have a huge teddy who needs a name and again each guess is 50p.

Further sporting successes !!!

On Saturday last week our football team won the U11 Spen Valley Schools league. They now go on to the West Yorkshire Finals against Crow Lees school. Congratulations to : Maddison Newsome, Blake Lynn, Jacob Howard, Jacob Hill, Jakub Hutek, Arman Lloyd and McKenzi Fozard.

On Wednesday this week our orienteering team won the West Yorkshire Finals and came home with another trophy for our cabinet. Congratulations to our team- preliminary heats: Jenson Lumb, Jack Murphy, Lilly McCabe and Tatiana Firek and our finals team : Tyler Howard, Lucas Lamb, Oscar White and Finn McCabe.

Last week our Hi 5 netball team won the Kirklees finals and are now through to the West Yorkshire Finals. Well done to : Maddison Newsome, Macy Connolly, McKenzi Fozard, Lacey Middleton, Mia Smith, Henry Thornton, Harrison Stevens and Blake Lynn.

Communication from school

Following our parental questionnaires in February, communication was mentioned by a few parents. The school app is not working properly for a number of parents due to various reasons such as phone connectivity, data usage etc. We have decided to return to a text messaging service that will run alongside the app. On Monday afternoon you will receive a text from school which just says 'test'. If you do not receive this text please contact school as we obviously don't have your most up to date contact numbers.

Safety before and after school

Please can you supervise your children before and after school especially near the trim trails. This apparatus should not be used except during school time and there have been a couple of near misses with children at the very top of the climbing walls recently.

Footballs for KS2 are allowed but only in the ball-park and only plastic balls due to the risk of smaller children/babies being injured. Please note there shouldn't be any balls in KS1 playground. Thank you.

Diary Dates

April		
Monday 1 st	Class 2/3 Phonics meetings @ 9am or 3.30am	
Wednesday 3rd	Sponsored walk a mile	
Sunday 7 th	Sacramental classes after Mass	
Wed & Thurs 10 th	& 11 th Bikeability	
Friday 12 th	close for Easter @3.20pm	
Monday 29 th	school reopens for children	
May		
Thursday 2 nd	EYU trip- NO NURSERY sessions due to voting	
Monday 6 th	closed for Bank holiday	
Wednesday 8 th	Class 7/8 trip to media museum Bradford- letter to follow	
Sunday 12 th	Sacramental classes after Mass	
	Yr 2 assessment weeks	
Wk beg 13 th	Yr 6 SATs tests	
THURS 23 rd	School closes for half term @ 3.20pm	
June		
Monday 3 rd	school reopens to all pupils	
Sunday 9 th	Sacramental classes after Mass	
Wk beg 10 th	Phonics tests classes 2/3	
Friday 14 th	First Confessions @ 4pm in church	
Friday 21⁵†	First Holy Communion rehearsal @4pm	
Mon 24 th	school closed training day	
Sat 29 th	First Holy Communion Mass @11am	
Sun 30 th	First Holy Communion presentation Mass @10am	

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Thewlis who has been here for 24 years. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement and I am sure she will be a frequent visitor back to see her St Mary's family xx