St Mary's News

**Morning Prayer**

Morning Prayer continues to be on Monday mornings at 10am in the school hall. All family and friends are welcome to this assembly.

29th January is led by Class 5

12th February is led by Class 3

**Star of the Week and Superkids awards**

Well done to our KS1 and KS2 achievement winners for last week.

Class 1 Lillie-Mae Cummins and Patrick Pinder

Class 2 Tommy Finneran Class 3 Jayden Rodgerson

Class 4 Wiktor Chalinski Class 5 Finley Crosby

Class 6 Bremner Mould Class 7 Aiden Kaye

Class 8 George Wass Class 9 Maddison Newsome

Class 10 Emily Shuttleworth Class 11 Faith Scott

**Mini Vinnies**

Welcome to our new group in school called Mini Vinnies. They will be invested during assembly on February 2nd at 2.45pm. The new members are : Lucas Murray, Evie Jagger, Michael Anderson, Ellie Dakin,

Daniel Curtis, Jacob Gudel, Lily Gierula, Riley O’Sullivan, Caitlyn Lettice, Mia Smith, Evie Smith, Ben Rhys-Hill, Nafessah Shah, Emily Parlar

**Parents evening**

Parents’ evenings will be on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February. Letters will be coming home shortly for you to return to book your appointment. The book fair will also be open on those nights along with the usual refreshment stall run by the Rotakids. The new Mini Vinnies will also be running a donation stall (more details to follow)

**Free school meals**

Can you help raise money for school?? It is a time of financial hardship for many schools around the country and unfortunately it is 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 booster classes, after school clubs, trips, the school nurse service and Matthew (Catholic Care). We do not want to lose any of these services but may need to do so.

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](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolmeals%20or%20ring%2001484%20221928)

**Illness**

At the present time there are several illnesses affecting our children; the usual sickness bugs alongside a particularly nasty strain of chicken pox and of course the flu like illnesses. If your child is vomiting or having to go to the toilet more frequently please do not send them in to school as this illness is spreading rapidly. The general rule is to keep your child off for 24hrs (48 hrs if suffering from both sickness and diarrhoea) after the LAST bout of illness.

We have talked to the children about how coughs, colds and flu are spread so they may well be telling you about the NHS ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ campaign, and asking for tissues for their pockets.

**PLEASE ring in to let us know why your child is absent.** If we do not know why they are away then N is marked in the register and these N marks are the ones the attendance officer will investigate for parent contracts and/or court action.

**Dates for the diary**

**January**

2nd Mini Vinnie Commissioning Assembly @2.45pm

**February**

5th PTF meeting @ 6pm in school

13th and 15th Parents evening

16th PTF Valentine’s Disco

16th Finish for half term

26th re-open for pupils