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

Monday 12th February is led by Class 3

**Superkids awards**

Well done to our KS1 achievement winners.

Class 1 Eloise Todd, Tyler-Jay Morphett, Cohen Hudson,

Julia Krzetowska, Joseph Lythe and Daisy Lowe

Class 2 Cohen Ingleby, Patrick O’Brien and Henry Hill

Class 3 Brooke Wilkinson, Lily Jagger and Joshua Pearce

Class 4 Zak Newsome-Brennan, Alexander Horbik and Imogen Gibbons

Class 5 Patrick Horbik, Kaci Scrutton and Bradley Taylor

**Parents evening**

Parents’ evenings will be on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February. Letters have been sent home for you to return to book your appointment. Please do come and hear all the wonderful things your child is doing and to get any tips about thins you can do to help at home (especially listening to read). 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 (see above). Have you any good quality, excellent condition reading books that your child is no longer interested in? If so would you consider donating them to school for our children to enjoy? If the answer is yes please bring them along to parents evening or send them into school with your child for us to distribute around the classes.

**Mini Vinnies**

Congratulations to our new Mini Vinnies who were invested on Friday. They 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.

Their next project is to help the homeless of Batley. The Mini Vinnies say” *Our second ‘turning concern into action’ is focused on helping the homeless people of Batley. Making people aware of the poor and homeless! We have made posters to go around the school requesting gifts such as: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, scarves, gloves and socks*. *If you can help please bring any donations to Parents Evening and we will collect them at our stall. Thank you.”* Just bringing one item would really be appreciated.

**Free school meals**

It is a time of financial hardship for many schools around the country including 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). 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**

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.

**Dinner money debt**

St Marys is one of the worst performing schools for dinner money debt. Kirklees are constantly chasing arrears so from Monday 25th February any child that has more than £5 outstanding on their account, will not be able to have a school lunch. Parents will have to supply a packed lunch.

**Dates for the diary**

**February**

13th and 15th Parents evening

**16th PTF Valentine’s Disco (7-9pm) There are still around 50 tickets available for the Disco. Tickets cost £2 per person**

16th Finish for half term

**Monday 26th** re-open for pupils