St Mary's News

**AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to our Superkids (KS1) and Stars of the Week (KS2) for last week.

Class 1 Archie Lindley & Lydia Brewins Class 2 Shae Mitchell

Class 3 Jack Walker Class 4 Sade Stewart

Class 5 Tyler Greenwood Class 6 Finton Gowlett

Class 7 Ava Shotton Class 8 Finlay Lister-Tranter and Oliver Nahorski

Class 9 Caitlin Foley Class 10 McKenzi Fozard

Class 11 Tyanna Derrick

**LENT FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENT**

A huge thank you to you all for your fantastic achievements during Lent. Comic Relief non-uniform day raised £253. The loose change appeal raised is currently £228 for Mission Together (children helping children), but there is still some to count. The final total for the sponsored event is £877 which is an amazing amount. The total now stands at £1358. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

We will accept any last remaining sponsor money until Wednesday 2nd May.

**KS2 SATS**

Week beginning May 14th is SATS week for our Yr 6 pupils. Please help us to make the week as stress free as possible for them. Arrive at school in plenty of time so your child does not arrive late and flustered. We will provide snack treats between tests but it would be really useful if you could make sure some sort of breakfast is eaten to set them up for the day. Thank you.

**LOCAL ELECTION**

School is used as a polling station and there are local elections on Thursday 3rd May. This means that the Reception children are going on a school trip that day. When you arrive at school please come into the school hall via the school office. We are not allowed to use the EYU on polling day as it becomes Government property. **Please note there are NO NURSERY sessions that day.**

**SCHOOL PARKING**

This is an ongoing concern but people are still voicing concern as to the inconsiderate and dangerous driving, parking and dropping off behaviours that a small number of parents continue to do. Please do not drop off or park on the yellow zigzag lines and watch your speed on the top road. I hope it does not take an accident to happen to make some parents more considerate and thoughtful.

**SCHOOL TRIPS**

Class trips are being arranged and you should have received (or will be receiving) an email or letter outlining when and where they are going and the cost.

As a school we have always tried to subsidise school trips to make them affordable for everyone. Unfortunately due to budget reasons we just can’t do this anymore. Staff are spending a great deal of time and thought trying to ensure the children still have trips but at an as affordable cost as possible. Please note we have NEVER made a profit from a trip, in fact trips have always been at a cost to the school budget. The coaches are the most expensive part of a trip and the cost depends on both numbers and distance. For example local trips start at £260 for the coach, whilst trips to the Leeds area rise to £330-£360. Any entrance fee is then at an additional cost. With regret we will cancel any trips where contributions are not sufficient to meet the total cost. We will give as much notice as possible so parents can pay small amounts over time via parent pay.

**Trips confirmed so far**:

* **EYU** Temple Newsome 3rd May
* **Class 2/3** Oakwell Hall 7th June (Toys and Houses/Homes topics)
* **Class 4/5** Anglers Park 12th June (Habitats topic)
* **Class 9** Armley Mills 26th June (Victorian topic)

**PTF and ROTAKIDS PIG RACE**

On Friday 25th May there will be a Pig Race in St Mary’s Parochial Hall starting at 7pm.

Tickets are £1 and all family members will need one (babies excepted). There are 30 pigs that you can buy and name at a cost of £3. This is a joint PTF and Rotakid event and proceeds are for Dementia UK and school. Tickets are on sale now from the school office.

**Dates**

**May**

**Thurs 3rd** Local elections**- no nursery sessions**

**Thurs 3rd** EYU trip

**Fri 4th** Class 9 walking to Foxes Biscuits (no cost)

**Mon 7th** Bank Holiday **school closed for the day**

**Mon 7th** and **14th** – KS1 assessments weeks **(Classes 4 and 5)** - maths and reading tasks. Writing will be assessed through class work over the next 4-6 weeks

**Mon 14th** KS2 SATS week

**Fri 25th** close for half term and **Pig Race at 7pm**

**June**

**Mon 6th** re-open after half term

**Mon 11th** (all week) Phonics week Yr 1 **(classes 2 and 3)** assessment