

ST MARY'S NEWS

**Ethos statement for this week and next week: I can say how I feel
I can laugh and have fun**

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer was led beautifully and confidently by Class 3 this week. A big thank you to the families and friends who attended this morning.

Friday 11th October Class 4 theme of harvest festival

Friday 25th October Class 2

STAR OF THE WEEK (a weekly celebration in KS2)

Congratulations to:

Class 6	Lily Jagger & Eliza Hepworth	Class 7	Charlie Ledgard & Florence Taylor
Class 8	TJ Green & Oscar White	Class 9	Elliot Newsome Brennan & Megan Middleton
Class 10	Hollie Hinchliffe & Lewis Squires	Class 11	Ryan Hosier & Lily Gierula

SUPERKIDS (weekly celebration in KS1)

Well done to:

Class 1 Lydia Littlewood, Adam Piotrowiak, Adyan Hussain & Bella Lowe

Class 2 Scarlett McDaid & Gabriel Korytko Class 3 Spencer Rodgerson & Jocelyn Mensah

Class 4 Millie Ware & Cohen Hudson Class 5 Emerson Austerfield & Scarlett Firth

SPORT

Thank you to the Yr1/ 2 children who represented St Mary's this week in the multi skills event at Batley Sports Centre. Coach Nikki was really pleased with their energy and enthusiasm. Many thanks to the parents and family members who provided booster seats and/or gave lifts to the 10 children. It is much appreciated. Well done to: Finnley Gregory, Tyler Jay Morphett, Matilda Walker, Scarlett Firth, Archie Lindley, Devon Callaghan, Daisy Lowe, Luke Squires, Enaan Ahmad and Alexa Sharif.

ATTENDANCE and ILLNESS

As you know we have to work on improving our school attendance following the recent OFSTED report and we will be challenging poor attendance but we understand it is that time of year when autumn bugs raise their heads! Currently in school we have children whose asthma has flared so please can you ensure an inhaler is in school for your child. Also the dreaded sickness and diarrhea bug is affecting both children and staff so please keep your child at home if they have suffered from either symptom (24 hours for sickness or diarrhea, 48 hours if suffering from both). This bug is particularly strong this year and is spreading rapidly.

Each week the class with the highest attendance (KS2 and KS1/EYU) receive extra play time as a reward and 3 children randomly selected with 100% that week will choose a book as a prize.

95% is the national expectation

Wk beg 16th Sept

Class 1 95% Class 2 97% Winners Class 3 92% Class 4 93% Class 5 96%

Class 6 98% Winners Class 7 98% Winners Class 8 98% Winners

Class 9 96% Class 10 93% Class 11 93%

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Do we always remember to say thank you to God?

DINNERS- The coloured banding system continues this year. If your child is going to be late or has a planned medical appointment please let the office know what your child's dinner choice is so a meal can be ordered.

To help with food orders and meal preparation please note that a month's notice is required to change from school dinners to packed lunches and vice versa. Payment should be made in advance of the meal being taken.

Children who have moved into Yr. 3 are now required to pay for school meals. Any family from R-Yr 6 can apply for free school meals and each new successful claim helps school with extra money into our budget (and you receive a £25 tesco voucher per child as a thank you). The added benefit is you also get free milk too.

Please go to www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolmeals or ring 01484 221928

ALDI STICKERS- If you shop at Aldi please can you collect the stickers for school. For each £30 spent you receive a sticker for our chart in school (up to £90 spend). Once full we can claim sports kit but also be entered into a draw for £20 000

CLOAKROOMS- now children are in the routine for coats, bags, shoes etc. could we please ask for parents to encourage greater independence at the beginning of the day (especially classes 9-11). Cloakrooms are already crowded, especially in KS2, so could parents please wait outside. Thank you

LUNCH BOXES-a couple of reminders for lunchboxes. Grapes are a good healthy choice but please slice them length ways to minimise the choking hazard and it would help if tomatoes are cut up too. Dried fruit including fruit winders are perfectly fine to bring to school but due to allergies please no nuts. School policy is that no sweets/chocolate bars are brought into school. Please remind your child not to share lunch boxes as some children have allergies/intolerances.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 3rd Oct - Breakfast theme day- orders for this lunch by 24th Sept

Friday 4th Oct- Movie Night (classes 9-11)

Monday 7th Oct - Torchlight Procession

Fri 11th Oct- Harvest Festival- donations of tins etc for Batley foodbank

Wk. beg 21st Oct Parents Evening (more details to follow)

Friday 25th Oct School finishes for half term

Mon 4th Nov- training day-school closed to pupils

Tues 5th Nov School reopens for pupils.

Mon 11th Nov- Remembrance- Yr 2 walk to Cenotaph

Fri 15th Nov- non uniform day- chocolate donations

Sat 16th Nov- St Mary's Parish Christmas Fair 12-3pm

Thurs 21st Nov- flu vaccines

Fri 22nd Nov- individual and family photos

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