

# ST MARY'S NEWS

**Ethos statement for this week and next week:**

**I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt**

**I understand that rights match responsibility**

**MORNING PRAYER-** Morning Prayer was led beautifully by Class 4 this week with a slight variation as the theme was Harvest Festival and giving thanks for what we have. It was lovely to see so many family members attend this morning supporting the children. A huge thank you for your generous donations for Batley food bank. We have been overwhelmed by the amount sent in.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** Class 2

**STAR OF THE WEEK** (a weekly celebration in KS2)

Congratulations to:

Class 6	Brooke Wilkinson & Sam Parlar	Class 7	Sophie O'Sullivan & Zuza Soltysiak
Class 8	Amelia Fozard & Meadow Lettice	Class 9	Mohammad Sahil & Maddison Gavaghan
Class 10	Jessica Rhys-Hill & Lewis Howard	Class 11	Alicia France & Michael Anderson

**SUPERKIDS** (weekly celebration in KS1)

Well done to:

Class 1	Noah Matthewman, Ava Willans, Rory Threadgold and Molly Hoyle		
Class 2	Libertee Flatley & Sophia Dawson	Class 3	Aleena Anjum & Kimberley Horbik
Class 4	Lottie Howard & Enaan Ahmad	Class 5	Amelia Wilkinson & Finnley Gregory

**TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION-** A huge thank you to the children who came and sang at the Torchlight Procession and represented school on the night. We have had some lovely comments praising you all. Well done: Faith Johnson, Henry Hill, Eliza Hepworth, Riley Hinchliffe, Amelia Mack, Charlie Walker, Wiktor Chalinski, Oscar White, Jasmine Dakin, Mia Paluch, Emmiellia O'Sullivan, Maddison Gavaghan, Nathaniel Walker, Miley Kelly, Ellie Dakin, Layla Pearce, Ruby-Leigh Morphett, Michael Anderson and Lucas Murray. Special thanks to Michael who also read in the Market Place. We have also had a letter from Fr Eamonn thanking us for our help on the night, for the singing, reading, and especially in making over 500 torches- not forgetting Mrs. Nagy who made a dash to Tesco to buy more candles!! It was also lovely to see so many of our families joining in the procession on the night too.

**ATTENDANCE - 96% is the new national expectation for school attendance**

Up to today the attendance figures as a whole for each class since September are:

Class 1 95%	Class 2 96%	Class 3 95%	Class 4 94%	Class 5 97%
Class 6 94%	Class 7 98%	Class 8 98%		
Class 9 96%	Class 10 94%	Class 11 97%		

Whole school attendance is currently 96%

**ALDI STICKERS-** Thank you for the Aldi stickers, we have already completed one chart!! Fortunately we have a second chart to hand so we can keep going for a second chance of winning the main prize of £20 000

Our Virtue for October is Thankfulness.

When you look for all the blessings in your life you begin to feel more grateful and thankful for all the wonderful gifts we are given daily. Thankfulness often leads to optimism.

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**FREE SCHOOL MEALS-** Just a reminder that children in Yrs 3-6 are required to pay for school meals. **ALL** families including those in Yr R, Yr 1 and Yr 2 can also 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](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolmeals) or ring 01484 221928

**BOOKS-** Thank you to Mrs Murray who entered a competition and won. The prize were some reading books that she has donated to school.

### **DIARY DATES**

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct Academy information meeting 6pm

SUN 20<sup>th</sup> Oct- Parents meeting for First Holy Communion after 10.30am Mass

Wk. beg 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Parents Evening (more details to follow)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct School finishes for half term

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct -Halloween Disco- (please note all children must be accompanied by an adult)

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov- training day-school closed to pupils

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov School reopens for pupils.**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov- Remembrance- Yr 2 walk to Cenotaph

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov- non uniform day- chocolate donations

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov- St Mary's Parish Christmas Fair 12-3pm

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov- individual and family photos (amended date)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov- flu vaccines

### **MESSAGE FROM FR EAMONN**

#### **First Confession 2020**

Could the children who are due to make their First CONFESSION next year please pick up an application form from Fr Eamonn after one of the weekend Masses (Saturday 4.30pm or Sunday 10.30am).

Preparation will begin in due course with a Parents Meeting, which will be announced through the church. We need to know who and how many children wish to make their First Confession next year. Many thanks.

#### **First Holy Communion 2020**

Could those children who made their first Confession this year, and wish to make their First Holy Communion next year, please pick up their Mass Attendance Form from Fr Eamonn. So far only a very few have done so. If you do wish your child to make their First Holy Communion next year please pick up the form Fr Eamonn. The next Parents Meeting for the children making their First Holy Communion next year is **on Sunday 20th October after the 10.30am Mass** in the Primary School.

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Fr Eamonn will be having a meeting with the Deanery Priests at the next Deanery Conference and the Confirmation date for 2020 will be discussed then. I will let you know the details once it has been sorted. Confirmation is open to any children in Year 6 and above who have made their First Holy Communion. Details to follow

#### **Gentle Reminder to our Parents**

**Like all parishes, the future of our parishes and schools depends upon the parents of our children who are willing to support the church with their presence.**

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