

St Mary's News

Morning Prayer

A big thank you and very well done to class 2 who led Morning Prayer this morning. It was lovely to see how confident they all were especially as I know it is the very first time some of them have spoken in front of the whole school. Thank you to our many family members who joined us this morning to support the children.

Confirmation

Some of our Yr. 6 pupils celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last night at St Paulinus Church. Bishop Marcus officiated Mass and administered the Sacrament. There were 53 children from the 5 local Catholic schools who had completed the programme. It was a lovely occasion and it was fantastic to see a packed church. Congratulations to: Michael Anderson, Lily Gierula, Lily Mankelow, Lucas Murray, Karis Senior and Marcin Sosna.

Star of the Week

Class 6	Harvey McClean	Class 7	Kaytie Williams
Class 8	Patrick Horbik	Class 9	Monta Kuznecova & Bailey Marshall
Class 10	Jayden Foley	Class 11	Lucas Murray

Superkids winners

Class 1	Zahra Zahir, Corey Taylor, Logan Thompson, Alexia Milven, Chase Kennedy & Alfie Duree
Class 2	Isaac Johnson, Daisy Drain and Oliver Firth
Class 3	Brianna Alves-Pinho, Chase Scrutton and Harper Middleton
Class 4	Luke Squires, Eloise Todd and Milosz Korytko
Class 5	Winter Hill, Parker Mould and Jenson Maher

Bravo Winners

Class 6	Amelia Mack and Harvey McClean
Class 7	Charlie Walker and Jack Walker
Class 8	Gabriel Trytko and Mia Paluch
Class 9	Monta Kuznecova and Elliot Newsome-Brennan
Class 10	Carson McFarland and Caitlyn Ward
Class 11	Molly Toohey and Ryan Hosier
Mrs Hetherington Jacob Howard and Jayden Foley	

Lent and fundraising

We return to school on Monday 24th February and Ash Wednesday is on 26th. We will have a service in school where the children will receive Ashes on their foreheads. This is the start of Lent so look out for sponsor cards that will be coming home that week. We will also be doing various fundraising events throughout next half term. These will include a non uniform day on Friday 13th March (Sports Relief Day).

Sports Hall Athletics

Yr 5/6 B team took part in Sports Hall Athletics this week. Once again St Mary's competed with energy, enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. The team won the event and another shield has been awarded to school. (Our sports cabinet is going to need an extension ☺). Congratulations to : Alicia France, Maddison Gavaghan, Jaxon Hayward-Wharton, Megan Lepidi, Jayden McClean, Alfie Mack, Ruby-Leigh Morphett, Riley O'Sullivan and Callum Ward.

World Book Day

World Book Day is coming up on 5th March and we will be doing special activities during the day. **Please note we will not be dressing up this year on this day.** All children will bring home a book voucher to spend at local stores.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all of you who attended this week's parent evening. If you were unable to attend please contact the class teacher even for a phone call to ensure you are up to date with the progress your child is making. Thank you for the questionnaires-you can still complete one and hand it in at the office.

Free school meals

It is a time of financial hardship 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 the school nurse service and Catholic Care. 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. There is a £25 Tesco Voucher available for any successful new claims.

Diary Dates

February

Friday 14th last day of school before half term

Monday 24th school reopens for pupils

Wednesday 26th Ash Wednesday

March

Thursday 5th World Book Day lunch

Friday 13th Sports Relief non uniform day and sponsored event

Sunday 22nd Mother's Day

April

Friday 3rd Close for Easter

Monday 20th reopen for pupils

Please note that the early May Bank Holiday has been moved for VE celebrations so school is now open Mon 4th May but closed Friday 8th May.