



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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### Our Parish Links

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St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock, Hoyles Lane Cottam.

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‘Loved and Inspired by Mary ....

We shine and learn as a family of God’

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another action packed week starting with our National Fitness Day – A great start, exercising and getting the body active and ready to learn!

Next week lots of exciting things planned too – Photographer will be here on Monday next week so make sure we are all looking super smart!

**With your help.....**

**M**ay we always shine like Jesus does

**A**lways love as a family of God

**R**espect and treat everyone equally

**Y**ou will always love and guide us

**Amen**

## **School photographer – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

On Monday the school photographer will be in school to take individual and family photographs. If you wish to bring in younger siblings the family photographs will be taken from 8.30 am. Please come in via the hall entrance. Your child will receive a proof of the photograph taken with full details of how to order.

### **National Fitness Day**

What a FANTASTIC way to start our week off on a Monday morning with nothing other than celebrating National Fitness Day as a school! It was great to see everyone in their sports kits ready to take part in the circuit training session I had planned for them. From a baton relay run, quoit balancing and skipping, to burpees, triceps dip and holding the plank position, children from reception to year 6 took part in the fitness session. I just want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone for taking part, as well as completing your fitness related written work back in class. Look out for more information on up-and-coming Themed Writing Days soon! Mr C

Here is what some of our pupils had to say:

Leos - favourite was the plank. Least favourite was triceps dips!

Louisa - The plank was the best.. I didn't have a least favourite.

Meeya says her least favourite was the planks, her favourite one was the running passing baton.



## **Parents' Evening – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Our Autumn Parents Evening will be a face to face session in our School Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. For those new to St. Mary's we will have 10 minutes slots in which you can discuss your child's progress with their class Teacher(s).

### **Working in partnership**

We offer an 'Open Door' policy and staff are always available at the start and end of each school day. Below I include all staff email addresses so you can reach us and you can always contact the school office on 01772 729881.

Governor Representatives will be available on Parents Evening from 5.00 - 6.00 pm

### **Applying for a Primary School Place**

If your child is due to start school in September 2024 applications for places is now live and can be found at:-

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

If you know anyone who is due to apply please also share that our School Open Day will be Tuesday **7<sup>th</sup> of November 2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

### **It's FINALLY on its way!**



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Book Fair will arrive in school and will be available for everyone to visit each night from 3.20pm - 4.00pm until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October (Parents Evening).

From Tom Gates and Dogman, Percy Jackson and How to Train Your Dragon, to The Baddies and Bluey, Unicorn Adventures and The World's Worst Children, there are lots of different genres, titles and authors to choose from for children of all ages- check out the flyer that was sent home this week!

The Book Fair will be held within school, just look out for the direction cards to lead you to it. Please enter school through the main door and exit in the same way to avoid disrupting After School Clubs.

At the Book Fair there will be a card machine to use to pay for your books or money/cash can also be used.

Remember, the more money we raise at the Book Fair, the more books we can use to replenish stocks in our library and classrooms for the children to use! So, EVERY penny counts!

Here is what our librarians have said:

"I cannot believe how many different books there are for us to choose from- I hope I get the one I want!"

"I've seen some books that by younger brother and sister would like, as well as books that I would like to read".

"I like the fact that if we all buy a book at the book fair, we get money back into school to spend on us FOR FREE! It's a no brainer".

So why not come along to our School Book Fair from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 3.20pm - 4.00pm and see what you can discover, when you take a look in a book!

*Mr C*



As you have are aware, the recent stormy weather that has swept across the UK has caused damage to many areas.

Unfortunately, during this recent bad weather, our school has been affected and caused damage to our roof in Class 4. As a result of this, a number of books used by Class 4 for



Guided Reading and also when reading for pleasure, have been damaged beyond repair and have had to be thrown away.

This is where you can help us! Can you help sponsor a set of books to help Class 4 replenish their book stocks? Can you make a donation, however small, to help us pay for new books for this class?

If you can help us in any way, whether it is sponsoring a series/set of books or by simply making a donation, please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

Thank you for your support.

## **Big School Adventures... STARTS NEXT WEEK - 5.10.23**

Big School Adventures re starts on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October with a focus as **Nature Detectives**- lots of scientific fun and outdoor exploring open to anyone aged 3 or over!

Big School Adventures makes a HUGE difference to transition, helping pupils experience 'Big School', meet the team and grow in confidence.

Sessions will take place each THURSDAY from 1.15 – 3.00 pm

**Places MUST be booked by calling 01772 729881**



## **Helping Hands**

With the support of St. Mary's Parish we have created a 'Helping Hands Fund' – This means we have a stock of tinned food/ non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little 'Helping Hand' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

## **Dates for your Diary**

2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	-	School Photographer, starting @ 8.30a.m. With Family Photos followed by Class & Individual photos
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	-	Parents Evening in the School Hall
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	-	School closes for half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	-	School reopens
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Open Day 2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Flu Immunisation

## **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Faith in Action Award</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Roman Wild	Poppy Brown	Florence Abram-Jebb
Class 2	Ella-Grace McLaughlin	Sandra Stec	
Class 3	Jessica Simpson	Joey Farley	William Barton
Class 4	Felicity Pye	William Doherty	

*At St. Mary's School we*

*"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,*

*Work hard together to achieve our best,*

*Respect each other and the world around us,*

*Have fun and enjoy learning!"*



