



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 19th January 2024

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‘Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God’

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a week we have had with snow flurries, hail stones, rainbows and whole school fun!!
Here are a few fantastic pictures below!







Staffing News

At present we are not fully staffed in the office, so there may be a delay in responding to emails. Should you wish to get in touch please phone the school office on 729881. This is the best way to leave messages

You can of course reach me in person on the school yard daily and/ or via my emails at Head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk

All staff also are available daily and via email and addresses are once more included below for your reference.

| Teacher | Email address |
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Mrs. Lofthouse will be retiring at the start of March. As you will be aware she has been a part of the St. Mary's school family for a long time with nearly 27 years of dedicated service. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for all she has given to St. Mary's over the time, all her love, dedication and expertise. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

I will keep you updated in regard to staffing within our Office as appropriate. Mrs. Barnes is supporting us part time at present along with members of our school Team.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

Booking forms are once more available in the Office should you require copies. Please note: **We do require payment at the time of booking to secure a place.**

First Holy Communion Preparation

Sacramental Preparation

We are really looking forward to meeting the children and starting their preparations. The first session will take place at the Church Annex on Tuesday 27th February at 3.15pm. The first three sessions will focus upon First Reconciliation (First Confession).

The remaining dates are as follows;

Tuesday 5th March at 3:15pm

Tuesday 12th March at 3:15pm – The pupils will make their First Reconciliation which will focus on First Holy Communion. **Please could we ask that parents attend this session.**

The last three sessions will focus on First Holy Communion

Tuesday 19th March at 3:15pm – Church Annex

Tuesday 26th March 3:15pm – Church Annex

Tuesday 16th April 3:15pm – Church Annex

These sessions will start straight after school, we will collect the pupils from school and walk them over to church. At 4:20pm they are to be collected from the annex, the meeting room behind church. The children will be greeted with a drink of juice and biscuits.

Pupils will make their First Holy Communion **Sunday 21st April 9.00am Mass St Mary's** followed by Communion Breakfast in the school hall.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes Jackie Fitzpatrick

Church Christmas Raffle

Once again a massive thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Christmas raffle and especially to those who bought tickets. Our final total from all our fund raising was **£529.50**. Half of this money will go to our school for books and the Helping Hands fund and half to the church of The Holy Family in Gaza.

Happy new year to everyone and again huge thanks, Jackie Fitzpatrick

Author Zoom – Jeff Kinney – Author of The Diary of a Wimpy Kid



"The visit by Jeff was second to none. I got to ask some questions that have been on my mind since reading the very first book!" Elliott Williams

"I never knew we would be able to get the dream experience. It was amazing to have this Zoom call and I hope in the future- maybe, just maybe we get to see him again !" Teddy Abram Jebb

Forest School- Can you help ?

Mrs. Reid is looking for some sturdy coat hangers to be used for storing Waterproofs/ Puddle suits- making it easier for pupils to identify their own items and making it easier to dry at the end of the session.

If you are able to help we would be very grateful of donations which can be handed into the school office



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

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| 23.1.24 | - Key Stage One parental meeting- SATS information |
| 24.1.24 | - Class 3 – History Experience (Letter to follow) |
| 25.1.24 | - Class 2 Fire Service visit in school |
| 31.1.24 | - Class 4 History visit (Letter to follow) |
| 09.02.24 | - School closes for half term at 3.15 pm |
| 19.2.24 | - School re opens at 08.55 am |

Celebrations Awards

| | Faith in Action Award | ‘EAT’ Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively | Welfare Award Winner |
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| Class 1 | Bradley Brogden | Ria Swali - Kaur | William McMillan |
| Class 2 | Sandra Stec | Jade Beresford | |
| Class 3 | Max Tidmarsh | Leos Koutsokostas | Violet Jameson |
| Class 4 | Cody Smith | Tymon Niezgoda | |

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!”



