

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter –23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

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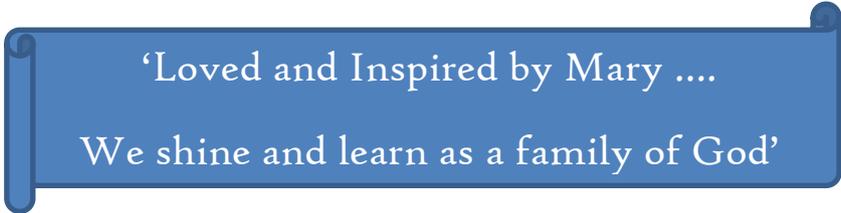


### [Our Parish Links](#)

St. Mary's Lea Town, Darkinson Lane and

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

[www.standrewscottam.org.uk](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to all our families, we hope you all had a wonderful half term break.

Thank you to all who attended Parents' Evening – for your ongoing support and positive feedback.

As we enter the special period of Lent, we enjoyed our first Lenten Mass and Lenten breakfast together. It was lovely as so many of you were able to attend. You are all warmly welcome to join us next week.

A massive thank you to those who supported our crazy hair day and helped us raise funds for a cause close to many hearts, Dementia UK. Pictures of this special event are shared below.

| This week Lenten Mass and Breakfast       | Lenten Thursday Activity                             |
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| 22.2.24 – 8.15 Mass followed by Breakfast | Crazy Hair day £1.00 to Dementia UK                  |
| Next Week                                 | Lenten Thursday Activity                             |
| 29.2.24 – 8.15 Mass followed by Breakfast | Wear something to celebrate St. David's Day<br>£1.00 |

## Crazy Hair Day – 22.2.24- Monies Raised for Dementia UK

On Thursday we all enjoyed our first Lenten event with Crazy Hair Day and what fantastic efforts we went to- staff and pupils alike!!





Thank you for your generous support we raised a fantastic £80.00!!!

## **FOSM – Break The Rules Day - 2024**

Its back and we have some very, very excited RULE BREAKERS!!

Do you want to eat crisps, chocolate or sweets?

Wear your slippers and snood in class ?

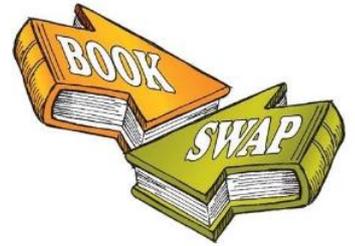
Sit next to your friends and drink fizzy pop?

If so BREAK THE RULES day is for you – get your form and monies in quickly!!! Before you miss out!

All monies received will go into school to benefit EVERY pupil in school.

Look out for our other **EGG- Citing** Easter events coming soon!





## **BRING A BOOK TO SWAP – Please bring in a book next week**

As you know we are soon approaching World Book Day and we have lots of exciting events planned during this week. To make it extra special we are asking that you bring in a book your child no longer reads/need which is still in good condition to SWAP at our World Book Day Book Swap -so that EVERY pupil in school goes home with new book to enjoy!!

## **Light the Way – A St. Mary’s Church Invitation for 26.2.24**

As you know we are so fortunate to have the Sisters at St Mary’s church, who every day invite us to join them in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This Monday 26th February from 2.30 to 3.30 pm we welcome you to experience the stillness and peace of our beautiful church. Please remember you are always welcome. Mrs Fitzpatrick

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm. The first three sessions will focus upon First Reconciliation (First Confession).

The remaining dates are as follows;

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm – 5.15 –Church Annex extended session**

~~**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3:15pm – Church Annex cancelled session**~~

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Jackie Fitzpatrick

## **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**

27.2.24 - BREAK THE RULES Day  
29.2.24 - Lenten Mass and Breakfast  
w/c 4.3.24 - Dress up for St David's Day £1.00 - Monies raised for CAFOD  
5.3.24 - World Book Week  
Mental Health Visit Day- Yogi Group

## **Celebrations Awards**

|         | <b>Faith in Action Award</b> | <b>'EAT' Award Winner</b><br><b>Explore, Active, Think</b><br><b>creatively</b> | <b>Welfare Award Winner</b> |
|---------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Class 1 | Charlie Harrison             | Freddie Phoenix   | Esmee Woodruff- Brown       |
| Class 2 | Arlo Pennington              | Meredith Holmes   |                             |
| Class 3 | Joe O'Donnell                | Isla Pennington   | Freya Stevens               |
| Class 4 | Jonah Maduka                 | Teddy Abram Jebb  |                             |

*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!"*



