



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 23rd February 2018

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*Happy are those who hear the word of
God and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have enjoyed our first week back and have begun our Lenten preparations with our first Lenten Mass and breakfast. Thank you to those who were able to join us and we would like to extend an invitation to pupils and families for the next services and activities. Full details can be found on your Lenten planner.

This week Canon Adrian joined each class for a Sorry Service to help us reflect and prepare for this special period of Lent.

Lenten Activities

Wednesday 27 th February	8.15 Mass at St. Mary's followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall. Father Hawksworth
Friday 2 nd March	Dress up as a book character- World Book Day. £1.00 CAFOD

100 Club – Please join us !!!

You still have time to join our 100 club before the first prize draw. We would love new members to help us raise funds for school. This year money will be used to help us buy new equipment for playtimes. Please ask if you need a form. Additional forms are available from the office and for just £24 per year you have a monthly chance to win £20, £10 and £5!!! Thank you in advance for supporting our fundraising.

Spring Parents Evening – 27th February 2018

Our spring term Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 27th of February. **This is an invaluable opportunity** to discuss your child's progress with your child/ children's class Teacher. A few slots are still available. If you have not booked please do make every effort to do so.

Friends of St. Mary's Meeting – AGM 13.3.18

An AGM for our Friends of St. Mary's (FOSM) group will meet on 13.3.18 at 2.30 pm here in school. Please come along for a cup of tea to share your thoughts and be part of this group who work together to raise funds for our school. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME-** Grandparents, parents, aunties, uncles etc. etc.!!!

At this meeting we hope to elect a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to enable us to manage our meetings and fundraising effectively.

EVERY penny we raise goes back to our pupils and helps to fund activities such as our annual visit to the pantomime as well as new reading books, awards etc.

After School Club

As we have shared with you many times previously, numbers vary in our After School Club and we work hard to continue to provide this provision for our families. Fridays are especially quiet and it may not always be viable to keep offering the service in the same way we do now. We are still working to recruit a substantive post holder and we will continue to keep you fully updated. Mrs. Patel joins Mrs. Hanson in the short term.

Swimming Gala -21.2.18

This week a group of class 4 pupils represented us in the annual swimming gala.

“ On Wednesday 10 children in Class 4 went to represent St. Mary's in a swimming gala. We came fourth with 40 points. We worked really well as a team though and it was really fun. I'd love to do it all again” Ellie Jo Thompson, Class 4

Personal Property in School

We have noticed many pupils are bringing in personal items to school such as note books and pens. We appreciate these are special and can be very expensive such as a range of current popular items from Smiggle. Please be assured that all stationery items required are provided by school so additional items are not necessary.

We would ask that pupils keep such items at home so that they are not disappointed/upset if things become lost and/or damaged.

Drinks in school

May I remind all families that pupils are very welcome to bring a drink/ personal water bottle into the classroom but **only still water is permitted**. Water bottles must have a sports cap. As you will appreciate any spillages of cordial etc. can cause staining and damage to exercise/ text books etc.

All pupils have access to both a water fountain and drinking water taps so that they can refill water bottles when required.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with this matter. We continue to work in partnership to support our healthy schools policy. If you require further information on healthy lunchbox choices, information can be shared in school or is available on the Change 4 Life website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

Celebration Assembly –taking of photographs and recordings

Many families come along to our Friday Celebration assemblies and this makes for a lovely family event. You are always welcome to join us from 2.45pm.

Understandably many family members have been very proud of achievements and as such have taken videos/ photographs on their personal phones/ iPads which have been uploaded to social media. May I ask families to be mindful when choosing to do this that images/ videos do not include other pupils due to data protection and confidentiality.

Confirmation

Canon Adrian reminds families that applications are now being received from those wishing to be confirmed. Forms are available from Church. Please ask should you require any further information.

Celebrations Awards

Achievement Award

Winner

Class 1

Alfie Shaw

Class 2

Luke Moyes

Class 3

Oliver Moyes

Class 4

Sophie Lovett

Attitude Award Winner

Jonah Maduka

Isla Kilshaw

Evie Holland-Bass

Farrell Carrig

Welfare - Lunch Time Award

Key Stage One

Felicity Pye

Key Stage Two

Jaiden Connell

Dates for your diary:-

Tuesday 27 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 2 nd March	World Book Day £1.00 for CAFOD
Sunday 4 th March	Family Mass 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 27 th March	Easter Production 2.00 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 29 th March	School closes for Easter Holidays at 3.15 p.m.

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!”*