



**St. Mary's Catholic Primary School**

**Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**

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



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new half term we hope everyone enjoyed their half term break.

### **Lest We Forget – WWI Centenary**

*"Lest we forget"*

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*

This year we commemorate 100 years since the end of the first World War. The theme set by the Royal British Legion is *"Thank you"* to the First World War generation who helped to shape our world as we know it today. We remember all those who played a role in the role from our Soldiers to the Doctors and Nurses and all who so bravely gave their lives. To mark this special anniversary next week we will be taking part in a number of different activities and you are warmly welcome to join us for our Remembrance Service.

Day	Focus activity
Monday	Sharing of new books we have purchased to commemorate this anniversary such as “ Where the poppies grow” followed by art work inspired by Van Gough
Tuesday	Class book activities
Wednesday	Research into the people who served in the War
Thursday	Thank you letter to all who helped in different ways
Friday	Non Uniform day- You can choose how to dress to commemorate WW1- this may simply be wearing red/ black the colours of a Poppy or a WW1 inspired costume – we ask that all choices are respectful.
9.15 am	Remembrance Service  Children are invited to bring in photographs of any loved ones that wish to remember who are in Heaven. These may be people who served in the War or simply special family members. These photographs can be brought in earlier and will be kept safe by staff. You are welcome to join us for this service
11.00 am	A Minutes Silence
2.45 pm	Celebration Assembly – Each class will showcase work completed during this special week.

## **Welfare Vacancy**

Sadly Mrs. Stevens will shortly end her role as Welfare staff member with us and we would like to thank her for the support she has given to St. Marys. We now have a vacancy for a Welfare staff member Monday to Friday from 12.00 to 1.00pm. If you are interested or would like further information please ask myself or Mrs. Lofthouse.

## **Open Day – 8.11.18 from 2.00 pm - 6.30 pm**

This Thursday we will hold our annual Open Day from 2.00 pm – 6.30 pm.

School Counselors and Class Representatives will have brought individual letters home. If you have a child or know of someone with a child due to start in September 2019, please invite them to come along and see our special school. The deadline for applications is the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 and the site is open for applications currently. Applications are made online via the LCC Website. If you require any further information please feel free to ask us.

## **Advent Service – St. Anthony’s – Catholic Cluster**

The Advent Service this year will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December at the earlier time of 6.00pm and once again is held at St. Anthony’s Church. All schools in the Catholic Cluster are represented and take part alongside Our Lady’s High School. Children in Classes 3 and 4 are invited to take part and will bring home individual letters. If you require any additional information please see Mrs. Shoulder. We have been asked to emphasise that children taking part will be expected to stay for the duration of the service.

## **Big School Adventures – Every Thursday**



This week we held our first Big School Adventure session and it was lovely to see some new faces. This is a free session for pre-school children aged 3 and above and is an invaluable opportunity for children to come along and experience school life. It has been very successful and has really grown over the last few years. It has had a very positive impact on the pupils who have joined reception class enabling a very smooth transition into school. **Sessions are now taking place every Thursday from 1.15 pm.** Please ask if you need any further information.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Every Friday 2.45 p.m. Celebration Assembly, everyone welcome

8<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 – 6.30 p.m. Open Day

## **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>‘EAT’ Award Winner</b> <b>Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>
Class 1	Felicity Pye	Ella Jackson
Class 2	Elliott Reid	Alfie Shaw
Class 3	Amy Kennedy	Jax Harkins
Class 4	Lucia Wright	Isaac Hurtault
	<b>Welfare – Lunch Time Award</b>	
	<b>Key Stage One</b>	<b>Key Stage Two</b>
	Jack Spickett	Calvin Maduka

*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!”*

**Friends of St. Mary's**

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO**  
**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 5pm**

(Following Christmas tree lights switch on)

Free Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

*(Courtesy of Lea and Cottam Parish Council)*

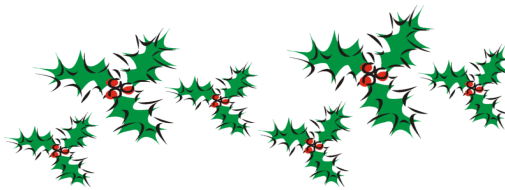
Following this we have Bingo - Raffle

On sale throughout the evening

Tea/Coffee – Hot Chocolate -Juice

Biscuits and Hot Dogs

Please help FOSM to raise funds for school



*Important dates for your diary.*

*30th November. PJ DAY.*

*3rd December. Christmas light switch on at 4.15 p.m. followed by family bingo*

*14th December. Christmas Ball KS1 4.30 -5.30 and KS2 5.45 -6.45*

*Hannah Reid- Chair of FOSM*