



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – Friday 8th March 2019

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



Dear Parent/Carer,

We have entered into our Period of Lent and as we begin to prepare for Easter. On Wednesday Deacon John came to deliver our Ash Wednesday service. We reflected on why we have Lent and how long it is, thinking about how Jesus fasted in the desert and how he made the ultimate sacrifice giving up his life because he loves us so much. Deacon John told us we could choose to give up something or choose to do something extra.

We celebrated our first Lent Mass and breakfast together and it was lovely to see so many pupils, families and parishioners were able to come along. A special thank you to all who joined us for our Spring family Mass. It was lovely to share Mass with everyone and as ever the children made us very proud.

*" I enjoyed the first Lenten Breakfast and I enjoyed having a hot chocolate!"*

Jonah Hurtault, Class 2

*" Every Thursday Mass starts at 8.15. It was nice and calm at Church. After Mass I enjoyed getting a drink and some muffins" Isaac Davis Hutchinson, Class 3*

Next week .....	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15am Mass at St. Mary's followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<p>Colour stalls – Matthew- Yellow, Mark –Red, Luke- Blue and John- Green</p> <p>Children bring in items of their house colour to sell. Families welcome at the sale from 3.00 pm. All monies raised will go to CAFOD</p>
After that .....	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	8.15am Mass at St. Mary's followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Wear your Onesie or PJs day £1.00 to CAFOD

## Roald Dahl Week

We have had a fantastic week celebrating reading and the work of the beloved children's author Roald Dahl. We have undertaken lots of additional activities linked to reading, which have included baking, treasure hunts, spelling bees and I know that the children have very much enjoyed their class novels. It has been wonderful to see the children dressed up in their amazing costumes. Thank you so much to all our families, your support is invaluable and thank you to our Literacy governor Mrs Kellie Helme for coming in to be part of our judges panel.

I will let you know in due course how much we have raised for non-fiction books for our school.

*Our favourite part of Roald Dahl week was dressing up in our costumes (Mr & Mrs Twit) and making Mrs Twit's Bird Nest cakes! This week was really fun and we really enjoyed it.*

Amy Gilder & Ava Kilshaw

*I liked that we got to dress up today. We sold cakes and flapjacks to raise money for books in our school.*

Mylo Sanderson



Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4

<b><u>Poster Competition Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Most Creative costumes</u></b>
Class 1: Elliott Williams	Class 1: Annie Nelson – as Sophie from the BFG
Class 2: Rowan Hawkins	Class 2: Elliott Capper – Willy Wonka
Class 3: Rachel Kennedy	Class 3: Jax Harkins as Matilda’s Dad!
Class 4: Rio Bamber	Class 4: Amy Gilder & Ava Harkins as Mrs and Mrs Twit

## **Maths Day – 13.3.19**

On Wednesday we have a super exciting Maths EAT day in which we will come off timetable and spend all day doing exciting activities to develop our EAT skills- Explore, Active and Think creatively. We have exciting visitors joining us too to make the day even better. We have Mrs. Jones from Our Lady’s High School who will bringing along some of our past pupils to lead a fun team building/ problem solving challenge “ Tetrahedron Tower!”. Billy from Hothersall Lodge and his team will lead us in challenges such as orienteering, team challenges and beat the clock games! We will also have lots of puzzles and activities going on in classes too!

Children need to come dressed in their own suitable clothing – depending on the weather some activities may mean we get quite muddy! So old trainers and jogging bottoms and a waterproof coat.

## **Parking**

May I ask for your continued support when parking during drop off and pick up times. We kindly have the use of the Smiths Arms car park which means this is the most convenient place to park, which avoids any congestion on the road and ensures the safety of all our families and pupils.

We have had a few complaints from our School Bus driver explaining people are double parking which is preventing the bus from getting through.

We have had a number of local residents advising us that cars have been parked in front of their houses blocking driveways, meaning they cannot enter or leave their premises. I would ask families to be considerate of our neighbours and ensure we do not block any driveways or access routes.

Finally, may we remind you it is illegal to park on the zig zag lines outside school.

## **Swimming Gala – 4.3.19**

On Monday a group of pupils from years 5/6 represented us in the Swimming Gala.

*“ I really enjoyed competing in the Swimming gala. As a team we did really well. We won our Medley! Jake and I won our individual races too! ”* Lucia Wright, Class 4

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

Big School Adventures continues to run every Thursday from 1.15 pm and is open to all children aged 3 and over. Please come along and join us! If you require any further information please ask a member of staff.

## **Dates for your Diary**

13<sup>th</sup> March- Maths EAT day in school

19<sup>th</sup> March – Friends of St. Mary's meeting – 2.30pm in school, all welcome

## **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner</b> Explore, Active, Think creatively
Class 1	Tymon Niezgoda	Edie Robinson
Class 2	Callum Tennant	Ella Mullarkey
Class 3	Luke Moyes	Millie Yates
Class 4	Jenna Eland	George Southworth
	<b>Welfare – Lunch Time Award</b>	
	<b>Key Stage One</b>	<b>Key Stage Two</b>
	Annie Nelson	Maizie-lei Barton

*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!”*

