



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020



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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to all our families and welcome back to what I am sure is going to be a very busy and productive term. As you are aware Mrs. Charnley has returned to St. Clare's and I can now confirm that Mrs. Brogden will return just before half term.

I would like to thank you for your patience with us over the last week whilst we have had some remedial work for damp undertaken in the office. It should be service as usual from next week.

### **Christmas Raffle**

On behalf of the pupils, staff and families I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to the parish community who donated £360 pounds to the school from the proceeds of their annual Christmas Raffle. As literacy leader I have amalgamated this money with the monies raised by our book fair and have been able to buy new guided reading sets of books for both Key Stages. Thank you once again for your support, it really is amazing what we can do when we pull together!

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

A letter will be sent home next week regarding extra-curricular clubs available. As many of you will be aware the booster classes for year 6 children will begin shortly and teaching staff

give their time to support these which does reduce the range of clubs we are able to provide. We are waiting to hear back from external providers of clubs as to availability and we will keep you posted.

## **After School Club Activities for January**

Listed below are some of the exciting activities planned for After School Club. If you wish to book your child in on any of these days please fill out your booking form or ring the office.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - 'Dance Off' with Dance Teacher - Rachel

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Jewellery making

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Biscuit making

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Sports Challenge / Obstacle Course

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - 'Valentine' Craft Club

## **Be Aware**

Since returning from the Christmas break we have had a few incidents with children, especially our younger children, re-enacting scenes and using unsuitable language from films and television series which are not suitable for their viewing. We would ask you to be mindful of what the children are exposed to and mention this to any older siblings who may need reminding to be careful around their brothers and sisters.

We have also had an incident this week where a child was able to record in school using a smart watch with video facility. Whilst we are happy to share in the excitement of new gifts received at Christmas there are certain items which should remain at home. We are governed by GDPR law and any recording without permission breaks this law. As a gentle reminder too, children are not permitted to bring toys, stationary or other items into school as it can lead to upset if items go missing or are broken.

## **Platinum Stars**

Well done to our Platinum Star award winners for the Autumn Term; Dane Lewis, Felicity Pye, Macie Dixon, Jonah Maduka. Our Platinum Stars are awarded for exemplary conduct and learning behaviour in school.



## **First Holy Communion & Confirmation**

For those families who are hoping to support their children in making their First Holy Communion application forms are available from Church. First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 17th May, with 10th May as a possible second date, depending on numbers.

Preparation will take place on a Thursday evening 6.15 – 7.30 p.m. each week at St Andrew's Cottam.

Bishop Paul will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Andrew's Cottam on Thursday 18th June 2020 at 6.30 p.m. Details of the preparation programme & application forms are now available at the back of church.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9.15 a.m. - Friends of St. Mary's Meeting in the Library

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2.45 p.m. - SAT's Meeting in the I.C.T Suite

## Celebrations Awards

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner</b> <b>Explore, Active, think creatively</b>
Class 1	Deondre Thompson	Jake Skeffington
Class 2	Teddy Abram-Jebb	Georgia Purkis
Class 3	Jonah Hurtault	Sebastian King
Class 4	Samuel Brown	Riley Falconer
<b>Welfare - Lunch Time Award</b>		
	<b>Key Stage One</b>	<b>Key Stage Two</b>
	Rosie Robinson	Sophie Savitsky

*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!"

