



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 14th February 2020



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

Dear Parent/Carer,

A busy final week in school before half term in which our pupils once more represented us so well both in and out of school. We have enjoyed a Valentine's Day cake sale too. Thank you for your generosity in donating cakes to us. We started the week in such wet conditions and I thank you for bearing with us whilst we reviewed the impact the flooding had on school. We will always communicate any closures by the school text messaging system and keep families informed.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff, pupils and families for making me feel so welcome upon my return from Maternity leave. It is always tricky to leave your little ones after Maternity leave but the many smiles, hugs and welcomes I have had certainly helps!

One of the best things about St. Mary's is that we are a family school and I thank all the staff for working so well together in my absence to meet the needs of all our pupils. I look forward to working once more in partnership with you all. As ever, we operate an 'Open Door' policy and myself and the staff are always available to help.

After half term we begin our period of Lent, a time in which we are called to repent, reflect and prepare. We think about the huge sacrifice God's own Son made and celebrate the Resurrection.

As always we will celebrate Lenten Mass and breakfast weekly and complete a Lenten Fundraising activity each Friday. Your child will have already brought home a Lenten planner. Copies are also displayed in school and on our website.

After half term, First week back	
Thursday 27 th February	8.15am Mass at St. Mary's followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
Friday 29 th February	Wear you PJ's day£1.00 to CAFOD
After that	

Thursday 5 th March	8.15am Mass at St. Mary's followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite Character £1.00 goes towards the teaching of Literacy in school

Breakfast Club

As you will know, we have been trialling a breakfast club to serve the needs of our families. We understood that there was a significant number of families who wished to use this service. However, we find after two half terms of trialling, we only have three families using the breakfast club regularly. Unfortunately this means that the club is now running at a loss and being supplemented by school funds. We intend to keep trialling Breakfast Club until the Easter holiday. However we would need more families to sign up and use this service if it is to continue beyond this point.

Dance Festival

On Wednesday pupils from classes 2 and 3 represented us at the Dance Festival held at Our Lady's High School. Class 2 had a Victorian theme and danced to "It's a Hard Knock Life" Whilst Class 3 Rocked and rolled to "Shake Rattle and Roll". We received lots of wonderful comments back from families and staff alike about how wonderful the performances were. We send a very big thank you to the children and staff for all their hard work and for representing us so well. Thank you too for providing such wonderful costumes!

"It was a really exciting day and class 2's dance was fantastic!" Rosie Robinson, Class 2

"On Wednesday we performed in a Dance Festival at Our Lady's. Each dance was as spectacular as it was creative, but I liked ours the most". – Sebastian King, Class 3



Forest School Day –“ Stig of the Dump”

On Thursday Class 3 had a fantastic forest school day based around the theme “Stig of the Dump”. Fortunately the weather was kind and our Class 3 adventurers were well kitted out. They took part in a huge range of activities from building fires to outdoor cooking and sketching a fantastic day was had by all.

“We have had a lot of fun. When we made the bread it tasted really nice and it was fun cooking it on the fire. The fire was in the middle of our field in a metal cauldron” Isla Kilshaw, Class 3



Parents Evening

Signing up sheets have been available in the entrance Foyer this week and will remain available after half term. Appointment slots are filling up so please do take this opportunity to sign up and take this invaluable opportunity to have a discussion with your child’s class teacher(s).

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 17th February – 21st February Half Term Holiday

Friday 6th March World Book dress up day £1 donation for school books

Tuesday 10th March Parents Evening

Tuesday 31st March - Easter production led by Class 3 at 2.00 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively
Class 1	Leonidas Koutsokostas	Joseph O'Donnell
Class 2	Elliott Reid	Macie Dixon
Class 3	Dane Lewis	Jaiden Connell
Class 4	Luna Taylor-Price	Lucas Worrall
	Welfare – Lunch Time Award	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
	Agatha Holmes	Oliver Moyes

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!”

