



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer

As we move into the month of February we continue learning lots of new and exciting things. Next week we enter our last week of this half term and look forward to celebrating our mental health and wellbeing!!



We look forward to seeing you all 'Express yourself' on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> in your favourite colours. All the information from Leigh, our counsellor is shared again below.

We will continue to share all information with you regarding Covid cases in school and once again thank you for your ongoing support.

For those completing 7 day LFT testing I do ask that you endeavour to **send the results before 8.45 am to enable us to process them before the start of the school day.** As you will appreciate it is quite a task collating so many results before the start of the school day.

When pupils attend school without the required results it means pupils have to enter our 'Isolation Area'. This means pupils are missing chunks of learning and staff are being pulled out of classes to supervise. I fully appreciate how busy mornings are for all families as they are here in school so once again your co-operation is much appreciated.

## **Child Action North West CANW– Mental Health week - Colour day - Express yourself and Grow together !!! - 7.1.22**

As you will be aware each Monday our Counsellor Leigh Roberston from CANW comes into school and is available for everyone for drop ins, focused support and to offer advice. Leigh would like to share some information about CANW themed day. We all know how important mental wellbeing is more so now than ever so we would love to be involved with CANW and support them on this day. Leigh shares below some information about the Mental Health Week.

### *Children's Mental Health Week 2022*

- Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7-13 February 2022. This year's theme is growing together, children (and adults) are being encouraged to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.*
- 1 in 6 children and young people have a diagnosable mental health problem, and many more struggle with challenges from bullying to bereavement*
- The week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on children and young people's mental health. By getting involved, we will not only be raising important awareness, but also vital funds to ensure every child has easy access to mental health support.*

*On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of February I invite you to take part .....*

- Wear your favourite colour!*
- Wear a colour to express how you feel!*
- Wear something that makes you feel happy!*

*At several points in the day the children will all have a sing and a dance to S Club 7's hit "Reach For The Stars"*

*It's important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.*

- We are asking each child to make a contribution of £1, which will be donated to CANW to help provide mental health services for children and young people. Emotional Health and Wellbeing - CANW*
- On the day, staff from CANW will be coming into school to take photos and film clips of the sing-a-long to promote the week on their website.*

*If you would prefer that your child isn't featured in these, please let your class teacher know.*

*Here are some colour ideas and facts.....*

**YELLOW COLOUR** Yellow is cheerful, sunny, and attracts attention. Wearing yellow is said to improve memory, give strength, and reinforces self-confidence.

**ORANGE COLOUR** people who wear orange are said to be hard working, creative, and full of energy.

**RED COLOUR** It is the most intense and emotional colour. The colour of love. Red expresses confidence:

**PINK COLOUR** people who are gentle and loving and who are full of compassion and understanding.

**VIOLET COLOUR** represents sophistication. It is a colour of royalty. Violet should be worn by people who want peace and tranquillity.

**BLUE COLOUR** It encourages decision making, brings understanding, wisdom, and strengthens self-confidence and a sense of responsibility to others.

**GREEN COLOUR** Green symbolizes nature. It is soothing and refreshing

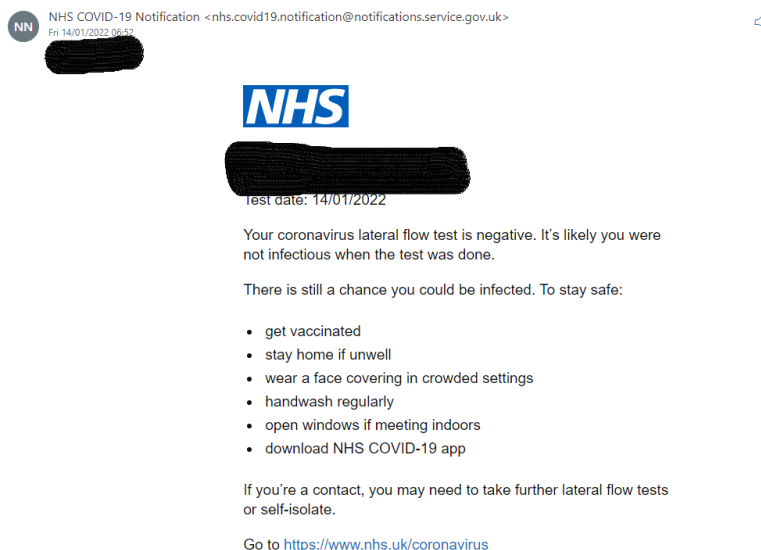
**BROWN COLOUR** Brown is the colour of the earth; it means strength and reliability.

**BLACK COLOUR** Black is the colour of power and strength. It is elegant and timeless.

*I Look forward to seeing the colours of the Rainbow as you express yourself, Leigh Robertson*

## **Covid- 19- Important information**

When sending in evidence of a Lateral Flow Test we require the NHS notification of result as shown below



You report your Lateral flow result at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Please test each morning. Results must be emailed to school on [head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk) and [bursar@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk) EACH morning for 7 days. Pupils cannot attend school without this information.

Pupils arriving without the results are having to sit within the isolation area which takes additional adult supervision and prevents pupils from accessing their learning. We really do appreciate your support.

**We cannot accept photographs of the LFT device.**

**For those identified as direct contacts we will require results to be shared for 7 days.**

Please inform us at school if your child(ren) or any household member tests positive for Covid- 19 and we can provide advice.

**Parents Calls – W/C 31.1.22**

Thank you to all who were able to make Parents appointments. I hope you found this a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps.

**Breakfast and After School Club**

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer our Breakfast and After School clubs each day. I know this is invaluable service for many families.

In order to book spaces we ask that families complete a booking form and send payment in at the time of booking. **We are only able to secure booking with payments.** We have limits on the maximum pupils that are able to attend due to staffing and ratios so please do complete the relevant forms well in advance.

Should you require a booking for either please do see Miss. Harrison and/ or Mrs. Lofthouse. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**First Holy Communion**

A letter has been sent to all Year 3 pupils with provisional dates and information as to the Holy Communion preparation cycle 2022.

If your child is in Year 4 or above, a Baptised Catholic, has not yet made their Holy Communion and you would wish to for them to do so please ask for a copy of the letter.

**New uniform**

We are now within the transitional period for our new uniform. All pupils are welcome to move to the new uniform now and will be required to wear the new uniform from September 2022. It is lovely to see so many people in our uniform already looking so smart.

The different uniform stockists will continue to provide an 'in school' uniform shop for sales, trying on, payment plans etc.

Bang Bang are also able to provide Our Lady's High School uniforms and payment plans as required.

### **School Council Message – Uniform recycling....coming soon!**

*"As you know some of us are wearing our new school uniform and from September we will all be in our new uniform. Therefore the School Council have decided to recycle the old uniform. We are looking for ways you can recycle our uniform and looking for ideas here at school. We will announce in future how we have been able to recycle it"*

Watch this space for more exciting news from our busy School Councillors!!

So for now we ask that you simply hold on to the old school uniform rather than throwing it away. Thank you.

### **Parking**

We are very blessed that the Smiths Arms pub continue to let us park within the carpark at both drop off and pick up times. I met with the new Landlord who shared he was happy for our school to continue with this arrangement. He did mention that on occasions some cars had parked in a non-marked bays meaning they blocked walk ways. I would be most grateful if you would be mindful of this so we are able to keep using the Smiths Arm's facilities.

### **RE HRSE scheme – Life to the full- Consultation ended**

Thank you for taking the time to review materials. Our consultation period has closed and we will continue to update you in due course.

### **Big School Adventures**

Big School Adventures takes place 1.15 – 3.15 pm each week. Places are strictly limited and must be booked in advance.

### **Dates for your diary :**

7.2.22 – CANW Mental health Day – Dress to express- Favourite colour £1.00 to CANW. School closes at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February and reopens on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## Celebrations Awards

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Sandra Stec	Maisie Wilson	Chloe Brogden
Class 2	Harry Shaw	Jack Moyes	Isabella Bolton-Rigby
Class 3	Deondre Thompson	Agatha Holmes	Felicity Pye
Class 4	Maizie-lei Barton	Jonah Hurtault	Leah Whitehead

*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!"*

