



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 20th January 2023

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a wintry week we have had at St. Mary's. Snow, sleet and ice. Whilst I appreciate the snow and ice makes tricky driving and walking conditions it also looks very beautiful and who doesn't love Snow Angels!!



We continue to experience lots of challenges with the diversions, road closures and I make families aware of additional 3 way temporary lights on Sandy Lane. Sandy Lane is due to close on 30th January. As you will appreciate we have no control over such situations and empathise fully with the additional traffic and travel times these roadworks and diversions create.

Class 2 - Treasures

On Monday, Class 2 led their own fundraising day to raise money for children less fortunate than ourselves. They raised a grand total of £38.75 and have donated 2 toilets and some chickens. We are very proud of you all showing our Christian values.



"Everyone needs a toilet. We are happy to help people" Chloe
"I like that we sent chickens because they will help them." Dougie
"The cakes were so yummy!" Harry

Teachers Strike - Proposed for 1.2.23

I am sure you be aware from the media/ local press the Teaching Unions are proposing a series of strikes. I know all staff care deeply about the education and welfare of all our pupils and I am proud that all staff go above and beyond. Any decisions to strike are not made lightly and I fully support the staff in making decisions to support their Unions, should they wish to do so. At present I can share that no class closures are expected. Should this change I will update families giving as much notice as possible.

School Vision – Parent and Carer session - 20.1.23

Thank you to those who came along to share their views and reflect upon the Mission and how we can develop as a school going forward. I am very grateful of all thoughts, ideas and input. If you were unable to come along and would like to add your views have a look at the large posters in our entrance foyer and add any thoughts, feelings and views. We really want this to be a team effort!

We have reflected on our Mission statement ...

*“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!”*

Is it still us?

Does it celebrate what is unique about St. Mary’s school?

Is it unique to St. Mary’s or could it be any other school?

We also wish to reflect upon our distinctive Catholic nature and look for inspirational scripture quotes.

Uniform and PE kits

Thank you for ensuring pupils return punctually and smartly ready to ‘*Be the Best they can be!*’ We continue to hold the highest expectations for all pupils in all areas of school life and so expect that all pupils will follow our uniform policy.

Uniform

I remind all families that all pupils must be in their **full uniform**. Ties must be worn. Trainers are not permitted unless a medical need requires this and permission must be sought.

Pupils must wear Grey socks, tights or trousers. Black is not permitted.

PE Kits

For Health and Hygiene reasons pupils must change into a full PE kit and should have PE kits in school every day. Pupils must wear uniformed items and not logo or sportswear items such as tracksuit bottoms. Pumps must be worn. Trainers may be worn for outdoor PE sessions. Failure to have a PE kit in school will mean that pupils are unable to take part in this statutory and enjoyable part of the curriculum.

Long hair must be tied back and hair accessories must be in school colours.

We remain in our ‘winter’ uniform until Easter.

Forest Schools

For Key Stage One pupils on their ‘Forest School’ days, pupils should come into school already wearing their Forest School clothes. We ask that pupils come into school wearing trainers or walking boots only (not casual boots/ heeled boots). Pupils may carry wellies into school in a named carrier bag or leave these in school.

Full details of uniform can be found on our school website.

FOSM – Meeting 30.1.23 at 9.10 am- All welcome!

The Friend's of St Mary's welcome you all to our first meeting of 2023 on Monday 30th January after drop off at 9.10 am. We will be looking ahead at new and exciting events for spring and summer, and as always would value any and all ideas! We hope to see you there. If you can't make the meeting but would love to share your ideas or have any questions please email over to: fosm@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk - Tom Whalley, Chair of the FOSM.

See Saw

Just a reminder See Saw is designed to share pictures/ snapshots of learning and will not necessarily be used/checked daily.

If you do need to get a message to us – such as an absence, a change to who is picking up etc. We ask you to call the school office on 01772 729881 so that important messages are not missed.

HRSE - Ten Ten Materials

All pupils will have brought home an information leaflet and letter in regard to the relationship and health education materials. Full details can be found within this letter.

To access the parent portal to gain more information you can access.....

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

School username: st-marys-pr4

School password: mother-of-god

Class 1....Can you help ?

Can you spare a house plant for us?? We would like to develop our skills at looking after living things!

We would still like a few more.....

- Lego sets/ pieces
- Thick china cups/ mugs for the role play area

If you are able to spare any of these items please see Miss Bennett. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

23.1.23 - Themed Writing Day to Celebrate Chinese New Year and National Handwriting week

27.1.23 - The Big Birdwatch Day

30.1.23 - FOSM meeting in school 9.10 ALL welcome

6.2.23 - Mental Health Week

- Baby Beat Charity special assembly within school

8.2.23- Wear your own clothes day £1.00 for Baby Beat

20.2.23 - Spring Parents Evening (Booking forms to sign up for an appointment will be available soon)

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Edward Stevens	Arlo Pennington	Ava Capper
Class 2	Sandra Stec	All Class 2	Ellis Leigh
Class 3	Jessica Moore	Edie Robinson	Lillianna Conway
Class 4	Jack Spickett	James Picking	Penny Robinson

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