



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 3rd November 2023

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We shine and learn as a family of



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back and what a busy first week back we have had!!

Bikeability, Mini Skills competition, Mad Science show and of course our Religious Inspection on Thursday.

Religious Inspection 2.11.23 – Catholic Schools Inspectorate

As you are aware on Thursday we had our Statutory Religious Inspection which was undertaken by Lead Inspector Mrs. Hampson and Assistant Inspector Mrs. Barnes.

As this is a statutory, formal Inspection we are not able to share grades or outcomes until we receive the final report – this will be prepared, quality assured and finalised within the next few weeks.

What I can share is that we feel it was a very fair process and we are pleased with how it all went.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone that supported us before and during the process enabling us to celebrate our special school. Our Inspectors told us that many of you have shared your views via the Parents Questionnaire and once again I thank you for taking the time and care to do this.

The pupils as ever made us incredibly proud showing off their wonderful manners and attitudes to learning.

Finally I thank the Staff and Governors for all they do and their deep commitment to our school family.

I look forward to sharing the full report with you as soon as I am able.

Bikeability – Class 4



This week all of Class 4 completed Bikeability. They first checked our bikes to make sure that they were safe to ride. We all loved it and here are some of our best bits which were collected by Rowan-

"When we got to ride all the way there and back on the road!" Annie

*"When we got to do a u turn"
Finney*

"I enjoyed riding round and round in circles!" Alythia



Mini Skills Tournament 31.10.23

On Tuesday a group of pupils from Class 2 went along to West View Leisure Centre to represent us at the Mini Skills event.



'I liked running with the baton and taking it in turn with my friends.' Sebby

'It was fun throwing the balls in the tub.' Jade

'It was fun to cheer each other on!' Chloe

'I think our school was the best because it was fun!' Florrie

St. Mary's Catholic Church – Planting of the Hedge and Coffee Morning – 9.00 am 5.11.23

This Sunday the 5th of November following the 9.00 a.m. Mass will be a Coffee Morning followed by hedge planting and a nature quiz!

Everyone is warmly welcome to join the Parish- bring your wellies along too!!

Coming Soon - Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day

On Monday 13th November 2023 it will be National Odd Socks Day to help support and promote we are all different and unique; this will be part of our Anti-Bullying Week, which will take place throughout the week.

There is no charge for wearing odd socks, simply come to school on Monday 13th November to show your support and celebrate!

Anti Bullying Wrist bands will be on sale for £1



Christmas Save the Dates Events !!

To help you plan and share ideas of any anticipated costs we share below details of up and coming events over the Christmas period

1st December 2023 – Santa Dash – School Event – Monies raised go directly to school funds. This will be a sponsored event with a minimum sponsorship of £2 asked per pupil (this covers costs) ALL pupils choosing to take part will receive a Santa Hat and Medal!!!!

1st December 2023 – FOSM - Christmas Light Switch on service followed by our AMAZING Christmas Fayre! £1 entry, Many stalls / Activities such as Santa's Grotto, Tombola, Raffle! And much, much more.

7th December 2023 – FOSM Breakfast with Santa – 8.00 a.m. - £5 per child – includes breakfast and a chance to meet Santa!!! Every child will receive a mini chocolate treat too!

11th December 2023 – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk – Lowther Pavilion

Costs expected to be £ 10 per pupil ** Will confirm final costings soon (*I am still trying to source donations to support transport costs FOSM will be covering half of transport costs so a HUGE thank you to them for that!*)

19th December 2023 – Christmas Dinner Day (£2.45 for pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 unless eligible for free school meals)

Non Uniform Days –

09.11.23 – Bring a Bottle for the Tombola wear your own clothes

23.11.23 – Bring a chocolate item for the Tombola wear your own clothes

18.12.23 – Christmas Party Day – wear own Party clothes – NO CHARGE

19.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day – NO CHARGE

Remembrance Service – Lest We Forget

As we approach Remembrance Sunday – Pupils are invited to bring in precious photographs of loved ones they have lost and we will offer prayers for them in our assembly.

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures is up and running with a focus as **Nature Detectives**- lots of scientific fun and outdoor exploring open to anyone aged 3 or over!

Sessions take place each THURSDAY from 1.15 – 3.00 pm

Places MUST be booked by calling 01772 729881

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish we have created a 'Helping Hands Fund' – This means we have a stock of tinned food/ non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little 'Helping Hand' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th November - Open Day 2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 9th November - Flu Immunisation
Friday 10th November - 2.45 p.m. Remembrance Assembly
Monday 27th November - Class 2's Lancashire Fire Service Talk

Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Freddie Phoenix	Euan Smith	Isabelle Baptiste
Class 2	Chloé Brogden	Jade Beresford	
Class 3	Isla Pennington	Isaac Aya	Jessica Moore
Class 4	Alythia & Felicity	Deondre Thompson	

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!"



