

# St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. There definitely seems to be a winter feel to the mornings this week. Even with the cold weather, we have had another brilliant week at St Mary's.

This week we had a maths audit across school undertaken by Leeds Diocese alongside Mr Kilner and Mr White. This has been a valuable piece of work to help us identify further areas of development for our maths curriculum. We are always looking for ways to improve our school experience for our pupils and to receive comments such as, '*Pupils remember their learning well, can articulate strategies clearly and teach back their learning. Their enthusiasm is infectious. They love maths and this is clearly a strength.*' was lovely to hear. It was also noted that the behaviour and attitudes of children across school shone throughout the day. We are so proud of the way our pupils continue to excel and in the first term, we have achieved so much, and we are excited about everything to come.

Our Year 6 children enjoyed a brilliant trip on Monday to Jorvik and it was again commented by staff there, just how amazing the children were and what brilliant role models they were for St Mary's.

This week saw us reintroduce our choir on Tuesday mornings. This was a hugely successful morning and we are so thankful to Eleanor Wright for running this club voluntarily each week. The children absolutely loved this session on Tuesday morning and it was just wonderful to have a hall full of children singing to start the day. If your child would like to attend choir, please let your class teacher know so we can add them to the list.

In our staff CPD this week, we have looked at our writing curriculum across school. Staff were amazed by the quality of writing across school. We have identified an increase in confidence to write across school and it has been wonderful to see and hear the children speaking so positively about their experiences in writing this year.

## Safeguarding

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leaders at St Mary's:

- Mr Spencer
- Mr White
- Mrs Brook
- Mrs Goodyear

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Lynn Greenfield.

## School Aims and Values:

### **Our school aim:**

'Every Child Flourishing'

Our aim at St Mary's is for every child to flourish. We strive to create the conditions for staff flourishing, for family flourishing and for community flourishing so that the children of St Mary's are well rounded with individual areas of expertise and choices open to them for the next phase of their education.

### **Our school core expectations:**

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

## Phonics Workshop

We will be running our phonics workshop on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about our new phonics scheme in school, Read.Write.Inc. and what can be done at home to further support with your child's early reading. We encourage as many parents/carers from Reception, Year 1 and 2 to join us for this.

## Christmas Performances

We are fully aware of the uncertainty in many areas leading up to Christmas this year, but we believe we owe it to our children and families to provide the 'Christmas Experience' for our families with our Christmas performances. To ensure the smooth running of our Christmas performances this year, we will be issuing just two tickets per child. Tickets for the performances will be released soon.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am – KS2 Performance

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm – KS1 Performance

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm – KS2 Performance

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am – KS1 Performance

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm – KS2 Performance

## Christmas Fayre

Next week, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, is our Christmas Fayre. We are so excited to bring this back, and everyone is very much looking forward to it. Our wonderful PTA are still looking for volunteers to help us out on this day. All money raised by the PTA during this day will be spent on brand new equipment in school for our children. If anyone would like to support with our Christmas Fayre, please get in touch with Miss Gulliver.

## Twitter:

For more information and to see what we have been getting up to, please follow us on Twitter @stmarysbarnsley This is the best way to keep up to date with everything happening in our school. We will be sharing the amazing events within school on here daily.

## Baby News

We would like to congratulate Miss Walters, she will be expecting a baby in the Spring

Have a lovely and safe weekend 😊