

# St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a super busy week in school. A big thank you to Miss Gulliver for hosting our foundation stage phonics meeting for parents and carers. We hope this was of benefit to you and will help you support your child in their reading journey; support from home is vital for success in reading. Next Wednesday, we will host our Year 1 meeting- we hope to see you there. Ms Steele has been busy purchasing lots of books to encourage reading across school and investing lots of different text types to encourage reading for pleasure. Please share if your family make a trip to the library on Twitter or take part in any activities connected to reading outside of school- we would love to see these!

## Roof repairs

On return to school, after the half term break, school will be having the school roof replaced. This will affect the whole school building apart from the Foundation Stage classroom which was built as an extension after the main part of the school. This is a long process and will be done in phases and in sections across school starting on the KS1 corridor. This will mean that school will have a great amount of scaffolding on return after the half term break. The time to complete this project is approximately 15 weeks. During this time, the staff car park will be out of use. Please do not drive down the school drive (**including dropping off/ collecting from the out of school club**) this will have very restricted access limiting parking to the resident who lives next to school and construction vehicles. School will be safe for pupils to access, and all children should school come onto school grounds as usual and access class doors as they currently do. Staff may use part of the playground for parking to alleviate traffic on Stocks Lane- if this is possible once the scaffolding is in place. As a school we are lucky to have an extra classroom that is used for the out of school wraparound care, classes may use this as a classroom or the hall for limited times if work is happening above their room. This will be communicated with you if you need to use an alternative entrance.

## Harvest donations

If you would like to donate any food to the Harvest Festival Mass, please send in any foods that will keep such as tins, etc so they can be donate to members of our community that will truly appreciate your donations. We thank you for your generosity. Our Harvest Mass will be held in school 20<sup>th</sup> October next week. This will be Father Stephen's last Mass in school as we are delighted to announce that he will take on the role of the Suffragan Bishop of Beverley. His final mass at St Mary's will be at 7pm on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Autumn Disco

Our Autumn Disco will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October in school time. Children can wear dress-down clothes or party clothes for the disco- we thought this was a fun and exciting way to mark the end of the first half term and also to try and raise some money to support our curriculum. If children would like to purchase a sweet cup, they can do for a £1 on the day of the disco. All money raised will be used to buy books to support our wider curriculum.

## Art and Football Club

Please note there is no art or football clubs w/c 17/10/22 they will start back after half term

## Diary Dates

### **OCTOBER**

Library visit Year 4 18<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 phonics workshop 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm (Please arrive at the main school office)

Reading Curriculum Meeting Year 2 upwards 20<sup>th</sup> 9am (Please arrive through the hall doors)

Harvest Festival Mass in School – 20<sup>th</sup> October - children only

Autumn Disco 21<sup>th</sup> October in school time (sweet cups available for £1 each- dress down and party dress- no costumes please)

Last day before half term 21<sup>th</sup> October

### **NOVEMBER**

Flu Immunisations Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – please see form sent 15/09/2022 for online consent

Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip - Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov (Details shared nearer the time)

Year 2 author event on Zoom with Alex Willmore 2nd

Library visit Year 6 3rd

TT Rockstar Day (Dress up as a rockstar -back by popular demand by staff!) 4<sup>th</sup>

Parents Evening 16<sup>th</sup> November (More details to follow times will run between 3-7pm)

Advent Mass in school 29<sup>th</sup> (children only)

### **December**

Rocksteady concert 10am 6<sup>th</sup> (for children's parents/carers/grandparents taking part in rocksteady music sessions)

Christingle service at St Paul's whole school (children only)

W/C 12<sup>th</sup> concert week!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher

R. Steele  
Deputy Headteacher