

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had busy week in school. Year Six took part in a skipping event at Horizon this week and it was school photo day. The pupils, as always, were perfect role models on these occasions. We also took part in a spirituality audit with Helen Lever from Leeds Diocese. Helen looked at how the pupils are supported spiritually in their journey through St Mary's; the day was a wonderful occasion to celebrate how we support and guide pupils through collective worship and how this is enriched in classrooms by our wonderful teachers and support staff. I would like to thank the staff for everything they do to make our school such a special place to be.

Harvest donations

Thank you to parents and carers who have already donated including a beautiful basket from one parent to display our harvest food in. If you would like to donate any food to the Harvest Festival Mass, please send in any foods that will keep (tins, dried food) so they can be donated to members of our community that will truly appreciate your donations. We thank you for your generosity. Our Harvest Festival Mass will be held in school for pupils on the 19th October. Reception class will be part of this mass: it will be their first mass in school and will mark the start of them starting to join the other year groups for collective worship in school.

PTA

As we start the new school year, we are excited to be setting up our Parent Teacher Association again- this will further foster collaboration between Parents/Carers, teachers and our wonderful school.

The work of the PTA will help support us in building a sense of community among Parents/Carers, teachers, and children. They will be organising events such as fundraisers and social gatherings for the children. They will also be able to support the enrichment programs for the children such as after-school clubs, cultural events, and educational visits that enhance the learning experience for the children.

We will be hosting our first meeting on Monday 9th October in the school hall straight after school at 3.20p.m.

Mental Health Day – 10th October

Please wear yellow to support Mental Health Day next week Tuesday 10th October. We kindly ask for £1 donations to support the charity and the valuable work that they do.

TT Rockstars Day 20th October

We are pleased to run our TT Rockstars Day on 20th October. All pupils can come to school dressed as a rockstar for the day! The children will take part in different Maths activities through the day. We will have some Maths themed prizes for the best dressed too.

Reason for Absence

If your child is absent from School due to any illness, please state the nature of illness so we can monitor any outbreaks rather than just 'unwell' we appreciate your support in this.

If your child is going to be absent from School, please call school 01226 206422 in the first instance, there is also an option to leave a voicemail.

Please can we also ask that pupils in Year 5 and younger year groups do not bring mobile phones to school. Phones should not be left in pupils' bags under any circumstance as to safeguard all pupils in school. We appreciate your support with this key safeguarding matter.

Diary Dates

DIARY DATES- Here are some useful dates for your diaries already. We will provide further information about specific events nearer the time. We have lots of exciting activities in store...

OCTOBER

Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day – 10th October
Year 3 author event on Zoom with John Patrick Green 10th October
Phonics workshop for parents 16th October 5pm (Please arrive at the main school office)
Harvest Festival Mass in school 19th October (Morning)
Annie Trip to Sheffield for Year Six 19th October (Afternoon)
TT Rockstars Day 20th October
Year 5 author event on Zoom with Jack Meggitt Phillips 25th October
Autumn Disco 26th October KS1 3:20pm- 4:30pm KS2 4:45- 5:45pm
Last day before half term 27th October

NOVEMBER

Year 4 parent workshop on the Year 4 Multiplication Check 2:00pm and 4:30pm 7th November
All Saints Day Mass in school 9th November
Flu Immunisations 9th November
Odd socks day to mark the start of anti-bullying week 13th November
Parents evening 15th November 3:30pm-5pm
Parents evening 16th November 3:30pm-6pm
Children in Need Day 17th November
Year 6 Robinwood parents meetings 22nd November 3:30pm and 4:30pm
Year 6 Robinwood 27th - 29th November

December

Christmas Dinner Day 6th December (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)
National Christmas Jumper Day 7th December
Elf Run 8th December
Advent Mass in school 6th December
Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip – 11th December
Christmas Party Day 12th December (Party clothes can be worn to school)
Christingle service at St Paul's Church (pupils only) 13th December
Christmas Fayre 14th December
Afternoon production for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 18th December
Rock Steady Concert 19th December 2:00pm (for parents and carers of pupils taking part in Rocksteady lessons).
Evening production for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 19th December
Carols Around the Tree PM 21st December (all parents/ carers welcome)
Reception/ Year 6 Nativity at St May's Church AM 15th December (parents/carers welcome of pupils in Year 6 and Reception)
Last Day before Christmas Holidays 21st December

Yours sincerely,

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