



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

'We Pray, We Work, We Play'



Week Commencing 15th January 2018

Dear Parents,

How wonderful it was to see all of our children back at St. Mary's after the holidays, full of stories about the fun Christmas they had enjoyed with their families. It was also nice to hear from so many children that they were happy to be back at school to see their friends and teachers.

In this week's Worship we explored the Feast of the Epiphany through children's experience of giving gifts. Children discovered the meaning behind the significant gifts of the wise men and had time for reflection about what they could give to Jesus. The assembly ended with the revelation of how Jesus himself is the most perfect gift of love from God to us. As ever, the children took an active part in the Worship (please see our facebook page for photos).

This coming Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. children will be involved in a back to school Mass so please come along and support this event if you get chance. Also on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., there will be a meeting in our school hall for all of the parents whose children are involved in the Sacramental programme. If there are any questions about this or you would like your junior child to be involved, please see Miss Sheridan or call into our school office for more information.

On Thursday we will be holding a special 'St. Mary's Sport Theme Day' in celebration of our sporting achievements last term where we won the 'Best School for P.E. 2017' in the Hyndburn & Accrington area. On this day children will be able to come to school in sports clothes (tracksuits, football kits etc.). There will be an inter-house competition which will include a lunch time penalty shoot-out and different sporting stations for children to visit throughout the day. We also have a footballer from Stockport County who will run a series of activities that children will enjoy taking part in. This will be complimented by a delicious healthy lunch including British farm assured southern style chicken breast goujons or quorn sausage hot-dog with corn on the cob and coleslaw, followed by a delicious dessert. Children on school dinners will receive this automatically but for children not already on school dinners, don't miss out – you can enjoy this delicious meal for just £2.00. Please see leaflets that went out last week or the poster in the school office window.

We also look forward to welcoming 'Sing Together' on Thursday. This will be the first of a series of practices which will culminate in a performance at King George's Hall in Blackburn later in the year – always a truly special event.

After reviewing the current parental agreement form for administering medicines in school, which parents must sign before we can do so, you will be pleased to know that this has been slimmed down considerably so should not take as much time to fill in if your child has medication to be taken during school.

As the weather gets colder, please keep an eye on the school website and facebook page; listen out for the local radio stations and check text messages in the unlikely event of school having to close due to snow or other winter related weather. Fortunately this has only happened once in the past few years but in the event of it happening again we will get a message to you as early as possible.

A big well done to our children, for their excellent attendance at school over the last term. Although many of them succumbed to the usual winter bugs we still managed to get well over the Lancashire agreed target of 95%. However, there are still too many children arriving late at school on a regular basis. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, please could we make a big effort to make sure that children arrive at school as close to 8:50 a.m. as possible, otherwise they are in danger of missing important lessons starting at 9:00 a.m. which will severely impact on their learning and progress in school.

I hope you have a lovely week!

Mr M.S.Mashiter





Celebration news



STAR OF THE WEEK

- C1 Lawrence & Jaiden
- C2 Charli H & Charlie Y
- C3 Charlie H & Alissa
- C4 Charlie C & Marcel
- C5 Emily & Billy

RAINBOW AWARD

- C1 Annalise
- C2 Paige
- C3 Zeshan
- C4 Sophie
- C5 Declan

Pat Quirk Award for

Literacy

Sam B - for ensuring that he meets his writing targets in all curriculum areas.

Mr Gallagher Award for Maths

Freddy B - Applying his knowledge of addition & subtraction to money & problems.

Dairy Dates:

Tuesday 16th January

Thursday 18th January

Friday 19th January

Friday 26th January

Thursday 1st February

Sacramental meeting 6 pm

Sports Themed non uniform day

Celebration Assembly 2.45 pm

NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Accrington Fire Station coming into School to do fire safety talk to year 2 & 6.

School closes

School re opens

Friday 9th February

Monday 19th February

♦ Please note that celebration assembly can change due to different circumstances, in the event of which you will be notified.

Friday Fund WIN

£6 every Friday

£1 per child or

£1.50 per family.

Winner 12/1/18

ELIZABETH



* Dinner, Breakfast & Afterschool Club must be paid in advance or on the day. Please can any outstanding moneys be paid by Friday.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthdays 15th - 21st January 2018

Annabel & Charli H



ATTENDANCE TED

(week ending 12th January)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS

95%



Parents meeting for the Sacramental programme is Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 6 PM in St. Marys School Hall.