



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



' We Pray, We Work, We Play '

Week Commencing 11th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Worship

'When Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord...Simeon took Him into his arms and blessed God.'

Luke 2:22-40

Last week we celebrated the Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord, where at the Temple, Simeon and Anna recognised the baby Jesus as Christ. Through this Gospel reading, and a short film about a couple reflecting on the birth of their son Luken, children learned that life is precious, valuable and unique. Children reflected on their special qualities, learning that God's love has no boundaries and is not earned but given. Through the Worship, children were inspired to appreciate how precious others are too.

Last week at school

Bob Turner visited Class 4 this week and worked with them on ecological themes and the importance of looking after God's world. He will be making further visits throughout the term which will include creating more planters with our eco-bricks and starting to grow vegetables. Mr Mosses led the debating club this week and was amazed by the research they had done leading up to it and the mature way they expressed their views and respected the views of others. The Life Education Bus visited us on Thursday and Friday and the children were delighted to see Harold the Giraffe and learn more about P.S.H.E. related topics. Class 1 and Class 2 also had a visit from 'Zoo to You' and got to meet lots of weird and wonderful creatures!

This week at school

Good luck to our school football team who will be participating in a tournament this week at Accrington Academy. On Tuesday, children will be taking part in Unit 3 of the Sacramental Programme and Bob Turner will be paying another visit to Class 4. Please see below for details of the Valentine's Disco which will take place on Tuesday night. 'Tots for Bikes' will be in to work with Class 1 children for three days starting from Wednesday. On Thursday, we will randomly select three Pupil Chaplains who will represent St. Mary's at a GIFT team event at St. Charles' Rishton. There will be another chance to attend a phonics workshop at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and Celebration Assembly will be at 2:45 p.m. on Friday before we break up for the half term.

St. Mary's Church – 60th Anniversary

Both the school and Church are joining forces to mark the 60th anniversary of St. Mary's Church. We will share any planned events with you over the coming months. The Social and Fundraising group from the Church have asked that if anybody has any photos or written memories or anecdotes, would you be kind enough to pass them to school if possible? We will then make a copy and get them straight back to you. A display can then be created in Church which will celebrate its last 60 years.

World Book Day

World Book Day this year will be on Thursday 7th March. Children can dress as their favourite book characters for that day and I'm sure staff will make the effort too. The last two years have been a great success and we look forward to what the children will be wearing this time. I am giving you plenty of early warning because, as a parent myself, I know that stocks can disappear fast at the supermarkets.

P.T.F.A. events – Valentine's Disco & Ladies Night

On Tuesday 12th February, we will be holding a Valentine's Disco between 5.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Prices are £3 per child or £6 per family (siblings only). Tickets will include crisps, biscuits and a drink and we have hired a DJ who will entertain the children with music and games. Please see the school office if you haven't got a ticket yet. On Friday 8th March, there will be a 'Ladies Night' at St. Mary's in the school hall. 'Your Style Boutique' will host the event and showcase a variety of Spring styles for women from day to night. There will also be a large range of jewellery, hand-bags and scarfs that can be bought on the night. A pie and pea supper will be provided and all proceeds will go back to school. Tickets for the event are £6.00 each or 2 for £10.00 and refreshments and a bar will be available. It promises to be a fantastic event! For more details please contact Jayne Bradshaw on 07821876626 or school on 01254231277.

Breakfast Club – earlier option for Parents

For some time now I have been looking for a way of opening Breakfast Club to parents of children who find that 8:00 a.m. is a bit too much of a rush. With the welcome return of Mrs Owen to morning duties, we can now open the doors at 7:45 a.m. for a cost of an extra 30p. (strictly no earlier than this please). This would be a total cost of £1.50 per morning if your child is dropped off between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. If you do use this option, you will need to ring Mrs Owen on the mobile number on display outside the office, she can then come to the door to collect your children and let you sign in. I hope this will make things easier for some of our parents. A reminder please that for safeguarding reasons, Parents of all children attending Breakfast Club **MUST** be signed in with a member of staff. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

I hope you enjoy the week and have a peaceful half-term.

Mr Mashiter
Headteacher





CELEBRATION NEWS



STAR OF THE WEEK

- ★ C1 Teddy & Charlotte
- ★ C2 Brooke & Tilisha
- ★ C3 Annabel & Tamika
- ★ C4 Erica & Harry C
- ★ C5 Zain & Jersie

RAINBOW AWARD

- C1 William B
- C2 Hamaam
- C3 Maxwell
- C4 Evie F
- C5 Lawrence

Pat Quirk Award for Literacy

Cristiana –For a huge improvement in sentence structure & presentation in independent work.

Mr Gallagher Award for Maths

Alan –For excellent progress & attention in all areas of Math.



Dairy Dates

Monday 11th February
Tuesday 12th February
Friday 15th February

Tots to Bikes in till Thursday
PTFA Valentines Disco
Celebration assembly 2.45 p.m.

School Closes Friday 15th February - Re-opens Monday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday's 11th—24th Feb 2019

Sebastian, Molly E, Grace P & Colton.

RAG BAG COLLECTION

- **30th April 2019**

Friday Fund Winner:
Harry C



Zoo to you came to visit Class 1 & 2 last week.



St Marys Primary School

Tuesday 12th February 2019



Valentines Disco

START: 5.30 -7.00 p.m. prompt

£3 per child or £6 per family (siblings only)

Crisps | Biscuits | Refreshments

Tickets will be sold by the PTFA in the morning and after school 4th - 8th February.

