





## Week Commencing 6th November 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school everybody! I hope you had a well-deserved break! I'm sure the children are ready for what will be an action packed half-term with, dare I say it, Christmas in the not so distant future!

As you are no doubt aware, on the last week of the previous half-term I was appointed to the full-time position of Headteacher of our school. This is without question one of the proudest moments of my life. I hold the school, the children and the families and community very dear to my heart and I will work tirelessly and passionately to ensure that we continue on our ongoing pursuit of the very best education and provision for your children. Can I reiterate that along with all staff, I am always here whenever you need me, no matter how big or small you think the issue, and I am never too busy to help you in any way I can.

In my last conversation with Ms. Nolan, she told me that she wanted me to become Headteacher at our school one day and build upon the firm foundations that have already been laid. I am glad that I could grant her this wish. I would also like to thank Mrs Sullivan for the support she has given myself and this school during what could have been a turbulent year. It is also testament to her hard work and vision that we have managed to continually improve and achieve so much success. We are not letting her go just yet though - she will continue to support the school for as long as we can keep her here!

What an enjoyable and hectic last week to the half-term! Thank-you to everybody who contributed to our finished Mosaic design (see photo). Again, the Mosaic artist's work was commissioned in memory of Ms. Nolan and will soon be on display in the entrance to school – a fitting tribute.

We also enjoyed the 'Spooktacular' disco. This was organised by the P.T.F.A. and we raised lots of money which will go towards funding trips and visitors in school this coming year. A big thank-you to our cook Emma, who made lots of cakes and biscuits, and to everybody who helped out on the night.

It is with some regret that we have decided not to visit Robin Wood next year, due mainly to the huge increase in price and also their new regulations stipulating that we need 20 or more children to visit. A recent letter to parents revealed that only a handful of families would be interested in going next year and we would need another 12 children in order to meet the minimum number required to visit. However, we feel that this brings an exciting opportunity for all Year 5 and Year 6 children to visit an outdoor education site for a day and take part in similar activities such as zip-wire, rock-climbing and canoeing. We have had many happy years at Robin Wood but feel, as the majority of parents do, that it is unfair to ask for so much money, even when school heavily subsidises the cost. We know that some children have been waiting for a long time until it was their turn to go but we are certain that alternative arrangements, already in the pipe-line, will be just as exciting.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Mrs Hadfield after her Maternity leave. We know she is itching to continue working with our children again and it is lovely to have her back at school.

Just some future dates for your diary. This Tuesday 7th November, there will be a Remembrance Service in Church at 11:00 am where all classes will contribute and everybody is welcome to attend. Additionally, the first Celebration Assembly back after half-term will be in the morning. We also have some dates for the Christmas events taking place in December. The dates for these should not change but if they do I will make sure you know about them straight away:

Tuesday 5th December – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Accrington Market Carol Concert. (Year 5/6)

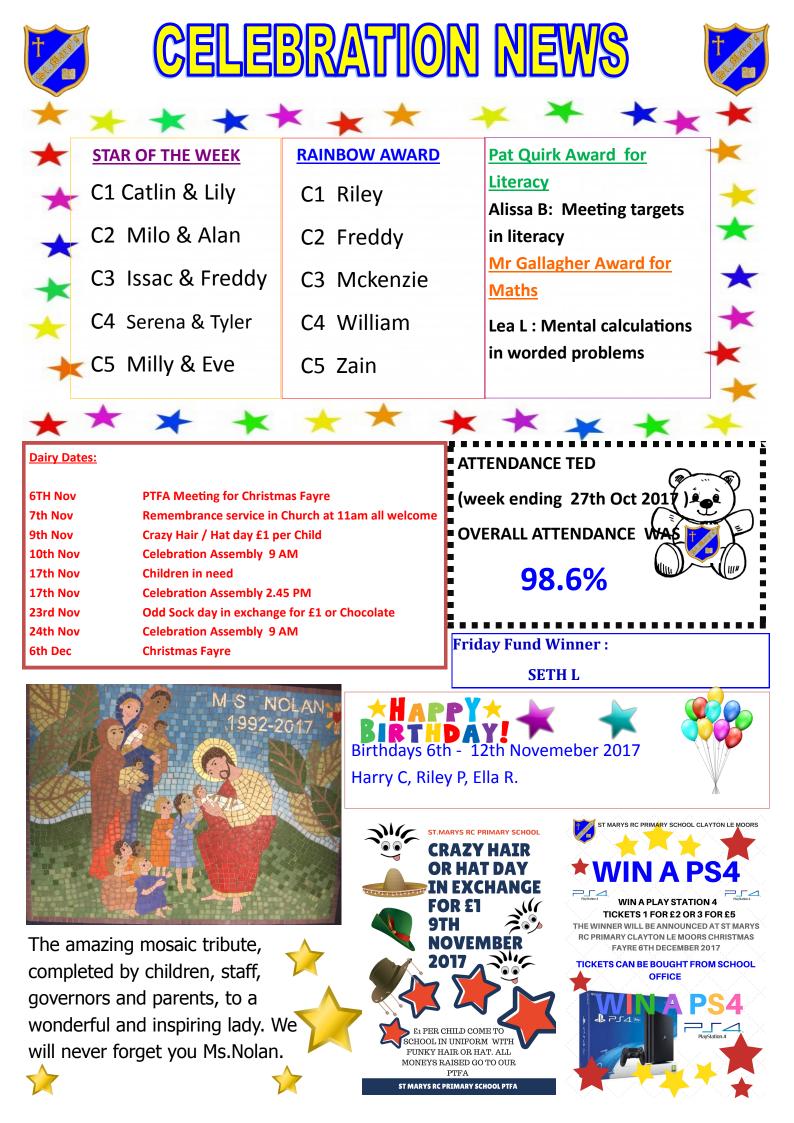
**Wednesday 6**th December – St. Mary's Christmas Fayre – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. after school (including a selection of Christmas Carols sung by our choir)

Tuesday 12th December – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Churches Together Carol Service at All Saints Church (Choir)

Thursday 14th December - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Mount Carmel Carol Concert (Choir)

Many thanks for your continued support for school,

Mr M.S.Mashiter





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