



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*' We Pray, We Work, We Play '*



**Week Commencing 22nd January 2018**

Dear Parents

The cold January weather did little to put us off having an extremely active and enjoyable time in school last week. On Thursday we held a sport's themed day which included an inter-house competition, a lunch time penalty shoot-out and different sporting stations for children to visit throughout the day, organised and delivered by Mrs Sheridan and Stockport County footballer Scott Duxbury. Children also had the choice to enjoy a delicious healthy lunch which our chef Emma and kitchen staff went to lots of trouble to organise and prepare. 'Sing Together' also came into school to practice with our school choir in the lead up to the performance at King George's Hall later in the year.

On Tuesday we held a 'Welcome back to School' Mass for children. Well done to all of our readers, singers and everybody who took part. We also had our first Sacramental Programme meeting on Tuesday evening which informed parents of the very special journey their children will be making to become fuller members of the Catholic faith. On Saturday evening, the children and their families joined us for the first of four special Masses which are an opportunity for the whole parish to join the children in celebrating their preparation for receiving the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. Thank you to Miss Sheridan, Mr O'Shea and Father Clarke for devoting your time to organising these events.

We are also extremely pleased with the new, brightly coloured markings which have been painted on to our playground. We now have a football pitch and netball court marked out as well as lots of other games which staff and children will receive training for on how to use. If they choose to do so, children can also run/walk the mile around the running track, which has been marked out around the perimeter of the playground, at lunchtime. So hopefully there are lots of choices for children to enjoy during their break and dinner-times.

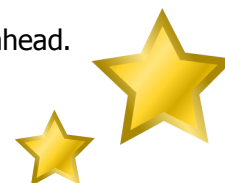
The school council met this week to discuss a number of items. One of these is a competition to design a mural which will be painted by an artist on the wall of the entrance inside school, just across from the office hatch. The lucky winner(s) will also have their name emblazoned on the wall in honour of their design. The competition is open to all of our children who can work individually or in groups. We would like the design to include the 5 W's (Welcome, Word, Witness, Welfare and Worship). These can be printed/designed as words around the picture. It should also include a Christian/Catholic image explaining that we are all part of God's family and that we are all equal. Closing date for these to be handed to Mrs Moss is Friday 9th February. Please remember to include your child's name and class on the back. Good luck!

We have set a date to hold a special memorial Mass for Ms. Nolan which will take place on Tuesday 6th February in the last week of this half-term at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church; a week before the first anniversary of her passing. We thought that this would be a good opportunity for children to reflect upon our wonderful Headteacher and the Mass will involve her favourite songs as well as memories and poems read by the children. There will also be a special event at the end of the service which will be a fitting tribute to her. We are going to invite the family of Ms. Nolan and hope they can share with us in the wonderful memories we have of such a special lady. I realise that not everybody will be able to make it to this event but we wanted to make sure that all of the children in school were involved as not all of them would be able to make an evening Mass. In school, we talk about Ms. Nolan on many occasions and children appreciate the chance to share their thoughts and feelings. This Mass will be another opportunity for them to deal with these emotions and continue to hold dear her legacy at St. Mary's. As ever, you are most welcome to join us.

We look forward to another action packed week ahead with sporting events taking place and a visit on Tuesday morning from our local P.C.S.O's who patrol the area around school. They will be coming into each class on Tuesday morning to introduce themselves, explain a bit about their role and answer any questions that the children will no doubt have! Some of our Year 6 children are also taking part in an 'Excited for English' quiz at Mount Carmel secondary school. Good luck to everybody involved!

Many thanks for your continued support for everything we do in school and enjoy the week ahead.

Mr M.S.Mashiter





# Celebration news



## STAR OF THE WEEK

C1 Annalise & Roman

C2 Brooke & Lexi Mae

C3 Jake & Seth

C4 Lea & Jersie

C5 Minaahil & Oliver

## RAINBOW AWARD

C1 Evie

C2 Milo

C3 Cristiana

C4 Kate - Leigh

C5 Ryan

## Pat Quirk Award for Literacy

Kayan

## Mr Gallagher Award for Maths

Archie

## Dairy Dates:

Friday 26th January

Thursday 1st February

Thursday 14th February

Friday 9th February

Monday 19th February

**NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

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

**Valentines Disco**

**School closes**

**School re opens**

♦ 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.**

**Molly P**

**Winner 19/1/18**

**\* Dinner, Breakfast & Afterschool Club must be paid in advance or on the day. Please can any outstanding moneys must be paid before half term.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthdays 22nd –28th January 2018

Aijab & Evie-Mae



**ATTENDANCE TED**

**(week ending 19th January)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS**

**95.6%**



**St Mary's Valentines disco 8th February 2018**

**7PM**

**£3 PER CHILD OR £6 PER FAMILY INCLUDES DRINK & TREAT**

