



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

' We Pray, We Work, We Play '



Week Commencing 29th January 2018

Dear Parents

In Worship last week we focussed on Mark, one of the writers of the Gospels. Children interviewed Mark as an animated character on the big screen who responded and answered their questions, much to the astonishment of the children! Mark was inspired by tales of Jesus that he heard from Simon Peter, and his excitement comes through in his words to inspire us and call us to follow Jesus today.

Last Tuesday we had a visit from our local P.C.S.O., Mrs Thistlethwaite, who went to each class in school to meet our children and help them put a name to the face they may have seen patrolling the local area. She was happy to answer the children's questions and tell them all about her job – as well as dressing up some of the teachers. She was very impressed with their behaviour and the intelligent questions she was asked. We have planned future visits to build upon this important link with school and hopefully children will feel more willing to interact with her when they see her in the future.

A big well done to our 4 Year 6 children who finished second overall in the 'Excited for English' quiz last Tuesday evening at Mount Carmel. Thank you to Mrs Moss for organising the event and to all of the parents who came to support us. We also walked away with first prize in the Parents competition too – it's not only our children who are talented!

Massive congratulations also to our 'Sportshall Athletics' team who did so well in last week's competition, organised and led by Mr Simpson, that they have managed to reach the County Finals! This event will take place at Blackpool Sports Centre on the afternoon of 7th March.

Parents of children in the choir will have received a letter about the 'Sing Together' event which Blackburn Cathedral organises each year. This will take place on Friday 9th March at 6:00 p.m. The letter gives details about when the children need to be there, picking up arrangements and how to order your tickets.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, 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. Hopefully her family will also be there to share with us 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.

It has been lovely to welcome so many visitors to our school over the past few weeks. This has included parents of children who have just started school and parents who have applied for a place for next year's reception class. We have had an incredible number of parents who have placed our school down as one of their choices, already a 25% increase on figures last year. Every visitor has commented on how warm and friendly the children have been to them on their visit; holding doors open to them and displaying their wonderful manners at every opportunity. We are incredibly proud of every one of our children here and it is always lovely to receive such glowing feedback. Last week we welcomed Tilly and Bethan to our school family and again, our children made them feel extremely welcome as they settle in to their new school.

This week we look forward to the visit of the Fire-fighters from Accrington who will provide a safety talk for Year 2 and Year 6. Children always enjoy the interactive aspect of this visit and more importantly, learn lots about the potential dangers that can occur around the home and what we can do in an emergency. Good luck to our 10 children competing in the Dance Festival at Accrington Academy tonight and our football team, also competing at Accrington Academy, on Friday night.

I hope you have an enjoyable week!

Mr M.S.Mashiter



Celebration news



STAR OF THE WEEK

- C1 Annalise & Roman
- C2 Brooke & Lexi-Mae
- C3 Seth L & Jake
- C4 Lea & Jersie
- C5 Minaahil & Oliver

RAINBOW AWARD

- C1 Evie
- C2 Milo
- C3 Cristiana
- C4 Kate-Leigh
- C5 Ryan

Pat Quirk Award for Literacy

Kaynan

Mr Gallagher Award for Maths

Archie

Dairy Dates:

Thursday 1st February

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

Friday 2nd February 2.45 pm

Celebration assembly

Tuesday 6th February 11 am

Special Memory Mass for Ms Nolan

Thursday 8th February

Valentine's Disco

9th February 9 am

Celebration assembly

9th February 3.30 pm

School closes

Monday 19th February

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.

Sophie B

Winner 26/1/18

* 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 29th – 4th February 2018

Harry M, Jackson, Annalise, Freddy B.



ATTENDANCE TED

(week ending 26th January)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS

95.6%



St Mary's Valentines disco 8th February 2018

5.30 - 7PM

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

