



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

'We Pray, We Work, We Play'



Week Commencing 5th February 2018

Dear Parents,

Last week in Worship, we focussed for the second time on the Gospel writings of Mark and his accounts about the wonderful things Jesus did and his amazing miracles and healings. We looked at Jesus as an authoritative figure and discussed this meaning with the children. We then explored the huge effect that Jesus has on people's lives through a bible story and how we can still know Jesus' power and authority in our lives today.

This Tuesday we will hold a special memorial Mass for Ms. Nolan which will take place 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. Her family will be there to share with us in the fantastic memories we hold so dear. 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.

I am sending home today a 'Free School Meals and Pupil Premium' form which I would urge you to complete if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed in section 3. eg. income support, job seekers allowance, universal credit and child tax credit. A number of our children already benefit from the additional funding school receives to support their education so if you think you are eligible please would you complete this and send it back to school. If you have already filled one in previously, there is no need to complete another one.

Our 10 Key Stage 1 children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Dance Festival at Accrington Academy last Monday night and represented our school superbly well – for some of them this was the first time they had entered a competition of this nature but they took to it with ease. Well done also to the football team for competing with enthusiasm in the tournament at Accrington Academy on Friday night too. We were a disallowed goal away from reaching the finals but the children took this setback maturely, congratulating the other teams on reaching the knockout stages. Unfortunately last week, our sessions with the fire-fighters had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a blaze in Chorley which they had to attend. However they are keen to come back into school in the very near future to deliver some important messages to our children.

I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the whole school to our marvellous P.T.F.A. who work tirelessly to raise money for trips and visitors which our children can enjoy in and out of school, such as the recent Christmas pantomime. Thanks to the contributions of Parents at the Christmas and Summer Fayre and the Christmas bingo events, £2,000 has been donated which will be put towards buying books in school. One year ago, new Guided Reading books were purchased which the children really enjoy and are an important part of their work in class. This time we are buying a selection of home reading books aimed at the lower and middle junior classes. I am sure they will make fantastic use out of them.

Next Thursday, our Year 3 children will be attending a very special event. The Chairman of Accrington Stanley Football Club has announced that every Year 3 child in the Accrington and Hyndburn area will receive an Accrington Stanley football shirt to keep! Our children are very excited about this! They will travel via coach during the school day to the Wham Stadium to be presented with their memento, meet the players and have photographs taken. This will take place during the school day so will not affect the times your children arrive or are picked up from school.

On Thursday night we will be holding a Valentine's Disco between 5:30 p.m and 7:00 p.m. **The price is £3 per child or £6 for 2 or more children from the same family.** Hopefully this will keep the cost down for families who have more than 2 children who attend this school. Due to safety regulations we will not be allowed to go over the permitted number of people in the hall at any one time so we would urge parents to leave their children in our care for the 90 minutes. There will be drinks and special treats available on the night and a DJ has been booked. Please can parents make sure that their children are collected on or before 7:00 p.m. as there will be no staffing for late collections.

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school and after the success of last year's event, we encourage children to come dressed as their favourite book character. I wanted to let you know as early as possible to give you time to think about and create/purchase the costumes. (I have bought mine already!)

Enjoy the week and thank you for your constant support of school.

Mr M.S.Mashiter





Celebration news



STAR OF THE WEEK

C1 Jaiden & Annalise

C2 Marley & Evie

C3 George & Roman

C4 Aijab & Harry

C5 Gabriel & Ryan

RAINBOW AWARD

C1 Colton

C2 Chloe H

C3 Isaac

C4 Orlagh

C5 Isobela

Pat Quirk Award for Literacy

Minaahil amazing improvement in writing

Mr Gallagher Award for Maths

Elizabeth fantastic arithmetic & reasoning skills

Dairy Dates:

Tuesday 6th February 11 am

Thursday 8th February

9th February 9 am

9th February 3.30 pm

Monday 19th February

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Friday 23rd February

Saturday 24th February

Special Memory Mass for Ms Nolan

Valentine's Disco

Celebration assembly

School closes

School re opens

PTFA meeting - Any new members welcome

Celebration assembly PM 2.45

Sacramental programme 5 PM

♦ 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 02/3/18

ELIZABETH

* 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 5th – 11th February 2018

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ATTENDANCE TED

(week ending 2nd February)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS

95.8%



St Mary's Valentines disco 8th February 2018

5.30 - 7PM

£3 PER CHILD OR £6 FOR 2 OR MORE CHILDREN FROM THE SAME FAMILY WHO ATTEND OUR SCHOOL INCLUDES DRINK & TREAT

