



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



**Week Commencing Monday 1st April 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

*'The aspect of His face was changed and His clothing became brilliant as lightning.'*

**Luke 9:28-36**

## Worship

Last week's Gospel described the Transfiguration of Christ, where Peter, James and John saw Jesus's face and His clothing become 'as brilliant as lightning' as a voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to Him." During Worship, we discovered that the disciples didn't understand fully at the time, but these happenings were an affirmation that Jesus was the Messiah and an anticipation of the glory of the Resurrection. Our Worship showed that just like Jesus, the more time we spend with God, the more we will reflect His light in the world. Children considered that we are changed by who or what we spend our time with and that Jesus is the greatest role-model of all.

## Last week at school

On Monday, our Netball team took part in some league matches at Accrington Academy against other local schools. They won their matches convincingly and are now sitting pretty at the top of the league. An amazing achievement. They have one more round of fixtures to go before the end of the season. Again, huge thanks to the parents who have practiced with them each week to get them to this level. On Tuesday, we welcomed the Highway Agency who did a talk with Class 4 and Class 5 on road safety. Father Peter Tierney visited school on Wednesday with a specific focus on the role of the Pupil Chaplains at St. Mary's. He was extremely happy with the work they are doing and the positive changes they are making to our school, under the expert direction of Mrs Hinds. Many thanks to all of our parents and carers who joined us for Parent's Evening on Wednesday – it was lovely to see you all and great to be able to share their progress and achievements, as well as their targets and next-steps. On Thursday and Friday, Bikeability visited school to work with our Year 6 children on road safety. As part of this, they took their bikes onto the streets of Clayton-le-Moors in some glorious weather. We had some lovely reports back on just how sensible, well-mannered and superbly behaved the children were, not only from the instructors, but from people in the community. Well done to all of our Year 6 children. It was Class 4's turn for 'Lenterprise' this week and it was their idea to sell crème-eggs to raise lots of money – thank you to everyone who has contributed to 'Lenterprise' so far.

## This week at school

We have another action-packed week coming up in what will be our final week of the term. There will be a P.T.F.A. meeting on Monday and high on the agenda will be arrangements for the Summer Fayre. On Tuesday, the infants will be going on a school trip to the farm and details have been provided about this already. Please direct any questions you may have to any of our infant teachers or TA's around school or to Mrs Gavin or Mrs Schofield in the school office. On Wednesday, we will enjoy a themed Easter Lunch and on Thursday we will hold our P.T.F.A. organised 'Easter Bingo' event between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (please see below for details). Celebration Assembly will be at 9:05 a.m. on Friday morning and then school will close for one week at 3:30 p.m.

## Easter Bingo

Easter Bingo will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon in the school hall, with 'eyes down' at 2:10 p.m. This is a fun session that we want all of the children to enjoy. We ask that if possible, each infant has an adult come to school to help them play this traditional game. As for the juniors, they would love you to come and compete against them for a 'line' or a 'house' – with the prizes all being of a chocolatey variety! If you are unable to attend, but would still like your child to join in, please send them into school with at least £1 on the day. Bingo tickets will be 30p each (a strip of 5 for £1) and we will aim to play at least 3 games, depending on how quickly we get some winners! Bingo tickets will be sold in classes in the morning and on sale to parents from 1:45 p.m. on the day. We will also be selling refreshments. We really hope to see you there.

## Scholastic Book Fayre

The Scholastic Book Fayre will run until Wednesday morning. Please feel free to come into school with your children during this time and choose a book you would like to purchase.

## Easter events

There are plenty of exciting things going on over the Easter period. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Key Stage 1 will be embarking on a trip to the farm. Letters have gone out about this already so please could replies come back to school as soon as possible. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, children will enjoy an Easter Lunch and on the afternoon of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April we will hold our annual Easter Bingo even. School will close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3:30 p.m. and re-open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. The following day, the Rhema Theatre company will be in school to work with classes and on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, schools from far and wide will join us here at St. Mary's for a Lenten Workshop. Our Easter Service will also take place at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, where all classes will contribute to the proceedings. You will receive details soon about an egg decorating competition and we will hold our Easter egg raffle on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Children will be off school on Good Friday (19<sup>th</sup> April) and for Easter Monday (22<sup>nd</sup> April). I hope you have a happy and holy Easter holiday.

Mr Mashiter  
Headteacher





# CELEBRATION NEWS



## STAR OF THE WEEK

- C1 Reggie & Charlotte
- C2 Annalise & Enid
- C3 William & Annabel
- C4 Mia & Daniel
- C5 Lawrence & Harrison

## RAINBOW AWARD

- C1 Ollie
- C2 Brooke
- C3 Harry P
- C4 Caiden
- C5 Arley

## Pat Quirk Award for Literacy

Marley - Improved word choices & sentence structure.

## Mr Gallagher Award for Maths

Coban - Excellent problem solving & reasoning.

## Dairy Dates

**PLEASE NOTE ALL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLYS ARE EVERY FRIDAY AT 9 A.M. FROM NOW ON.**

Tues 2nd April  
Thurs 4th April  
Fri 5th April  
**Fri 5th April**  
Fri 12th April  
Tue 16th April  
Thurs 18th April  
Fri 19th April  
Mon 22nd April  
Tues 23rd April

KS1 Trip to Farm  
Easter Bingo 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m.  
Celebration assembly @ 9 a.m.  
**School closes. Re-opens Mon 15th April**  
Celebration assembly 9 a.m.  
Rhema Theatre company in.  
Easter Egg Raffle  
Good Friday **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Easter Monday **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
School re open.



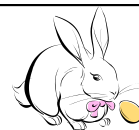
Birthday's April 1st - 14th 2019

William Jack, Roman F & Kayleah.

## RAG BAG COLLECTION

- **30th April 2019**

Friday Fund Winner:  
**Harry M**



**Easter Egg donations welcome for the Easter raffle. Which will be drawn 18th April**



The Highway Patrol Agency visited school this week to talk to Class 4 and Class 5 about the importance of road safety.

Year 6 Bikeability



 **SCHOLASTIC**



Scholastic Book Fayre is on from 27th March till 3rd April. Each morning and after school for a week.  
**Ends Wednesday morning.**