

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 10th FEBRUARY 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

What a busy week it has been leading up to half term!

On Monday, Bacup Borough Football Club visited St Mary's to spend time coaching our KS2 pupils. The sessions were engaging, fun and promoted teamwork and skills development.



Throughout the school, pupils have been learning about online issues and how to be safe, as Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. Y6 made posters about being SMART online users, Y3 watched a video and discussed worries about being online and other classes have talked about what being safe online means.

There are lots of guides available for parents and carers about talking with your child regarding online safety. The NSPCC link below advises how to talk about staying safe and where to go for help.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

Apologies for the lack of messages this week – unfortunately the website has gone down and we have been unable to access School Spider, and the printer has also broken so we have not been able to photocopy messages either! Apologies for any inconvenience caused by these technical issues.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Well done to Y1 for their lovely class Assembly on Tuesday. Thank you to the families who came to support them, joining in with some tasty treats afterwards and looking at books. Well done to Y4 for their fantastic Assembly on Wednesday, Y4's performance was about friendship and forgiveness.



Our next Assembly will be Reception class at 9.15am in the hall on Tuesday 28th February, and then Y6 on Wednesday 1st March at 9.15am in the hall. Reception and Y6 families are welcome to join us for the performances.

EVENTS COMING UP

The Life Education Van will be visiting us when we return after the break, coming into school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Each class will take part in some fun and collaborative activities linked to PSHE with themes including Decision, Meet the Brain and Taking Care of Myself.

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World book Day. We would love it if your child could join us dressed as a book character or famous author. We will also be inviting parents in to join us for a reading morning, where you can enjoy reading with your child. We will send out more information about this after the break.

UNIFORMS AND PE KITS

Please ensure your child returns for the new half term wearing the correct, smart uniform. This means white t-shirts, grey trousers or grey/tartan skirt, blue St Mary's jumper and black school shoes (not trainers or boots). PE kits are white t-shirt; black leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms and black pumps or trainers. Children should not be wearing other coloured jumpers or trainers instead of shoes.

BEHAVIOUR

We have noticed around school that we have had to speak to pupils more recently about behaviour standards. We expect all pupils to behave well, be kind and considerate to others and to work hard so that everyone is able to learn to the best of their own ability. Refusing to complete work, or answering back to a member of staff is not an option. We will be introducing a new behaviour policy after half term which we will share with families, children, governors and all staff. In the meantime, we would appreciate you talking with your child about good behaviour expected in school. Thank you for your support.

HEADLICE

There have still been some incidents of headlice this week so please check your child's head over half term and treat as appropriate.

The NHS link gives some useful advice on treatment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

HOLIDAY

We hope you all have a lovely break together and look forward to seeing you all again when we return on Monday 20th February at 8.45am. Breakfast club will be available as always.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Summer Powell
Reception – Eddie Johnson
Year 1 – Leo Parkinson
Year 2 – Lola Holland
Year 3 – Junior Quinn
Year 4 – Keelan Powell
Year 5 – Marshall Navin
Year 6 – Jay Thomas



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for a '**LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES**' attitude.

Nursery – Esme Mannion

Reception – Shaye Duffy

Year 1 – Pixie-Rae Hayhurst

Year 2 – Layla-Jai Shaw

Year 3 – LukeJohnson

Year 4 – Michael Moore

Year 5 – Bentley Meades

Year 6 – Levi Franks

For next week's theme we will be '**TRYING SOMETHING NEW**'.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception – 92.9%

Year 1 – 91.3%

Year 2 – 95.0%

Year 3 – 98.4%

Year 4 – 93.3%

Year 5 – 95.0%

Year 6 – 93.3%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 94.2%



QUOTE OF THE WEEK – Kindness

**No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.**

—AESOP

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