

**ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**  
**NEWSLETTER – 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

The season of Lent has started in preparation for Easter, and our assemblies have focused on the meaning of Lent and making Lenten promises. Father Chris was in school on Friday morning to lead Mass for KS2 children. Thank you to all the readers who took part. There will be a slightly longer celebration assembly this week to reward all those children who have achieved well last week, and parents will be invited by text as usual.



We have also had Emma from the Life Education Van visiting us last week, and she has led PSHE sessions with all classes talking about a range of themes with the children.

As part of our enrichment work, some of our older children went fishing on Friday! This was popular with Y5's last year, and we thought it would be a good idea to offer this activity again. Anyone in Y6 who missed fishing last year will have their turn, and so will all our current Y5 pupils.

On Tuesday, we plan to open as a school although some schools may be striking. Please ensure your child attends as usual. If there are any changes to this plan, you will be notified as soon as possible.

**CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

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

When joining us for events in school, parents/families will be asked to sign in via the main office. For safeguarding and consent purposes, visitors are not able to use mobile phones around the school. If you are visiting to celebrate assembly with your child, you will be notified of when it is appropriate to take pictures of your own child (eg in the hall at the end of the assembly). Thank you for your co-operation.

**EVENTS COMING UP**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. There are lots of fun activities planned for the day including a parade, reading buddy time, short story writing competitions, book cover designs and much more!

At 9.00am, once breakfast bagels time and registers are completed, parents are invited to join us to spend some time reading with their children. If you would like to spend half an hour with us, please sign in at the main office and one of our Y6 pupils will take you to your child's class. If you have more than one child in school, you will be able to spend time with each child.

## BEHAVIOUR

We have been trialling our new behaviour policy last week in school, talking to children about our 'Positive Powers' (rules) and 'Marvellous Manners'. The policy is based on positive reinforcement of behaviour, and giving pupils the opportunity to reflect on their actions and the impact of their behaviour on others. Pupils have been impressing staff with their positive attitudes and showing us the lovely manners that they have. We also started Enrichment Time on a Friday afternoon where children choose which fun activity they would like to do for an 'end-of-the-week treat'.

The new behaviour policy is being shared separately with parents via School Spider. If you would like to give any feedback regarding the policy as we trial these new ideas, we welcome your input. Please email the office on [admin@stmarys.romerocat.com](mailto:admin@stmarys.romerocat.com) or Mrs Mills on [head@stmarys.romerocat.com](mailto:head@stmarys.romerocat.com) with any comments. We have updated our policy in order to try and raise standards in behaviour, encourage pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour and to ensure that all children are able to feel happy and safe learning at St Mary's.

## APPOINTMENTS

Parents Evenings are coming up on 16<sup>th</sup> March (Reception), 23<sup>rd</sup> March (KS2) and 30<sup>th</sup> March (Nursery/KS1) where you will have the opportunity to find out more about your child's progress with a face-to-face meeting. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher regarding any other concerns, please ask for an appointment to be made via the office, or for a phone call from the teacher. It is difficult for teachers to meet first thing in the mornings (unless an early appointment has already been arranged) as they need to be in class to settle the children as they come into school. Thank you.

## GROWTH MINDSET

We will celebrate last week's winners for 'TRYING SOMETHING NEW' in our celebration assembly on Friday. This week our theme will be 'GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT'.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 95.6%

Year 1 – 93.8%

**Year 2 – 96.9% (Winner)**

Year 3 – 93.1%

Year 4 – 93.1%

Year 5 – 89.5%

Year 6 – 92.9%

**Weekly Overall School Attendance is 93.6%**



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK – Lent

