

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER – 13th MARCH 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

We hope you all had a good weekend despite the snow affecting the local area! Thank you for your understanding on Friday when we had to close the school as conditions were not safe for opening.

It was lovely to see some of you at Assembly this morning, celebrating last week's achievements. We will still be celebrating more achievements in this Friday's assembly.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Our next class Assembly will be presented by Y3 on Wednesday 22nd March at 9.15am in the hall if parents and families of those children would like to join us.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

It is British Science Week this week so Mrs Haworth has planned some exciting activities for our pupils to do on Thursday's Science Day based on the theme of 'Connections'. Children will be exploring different kinds of messages, carrying out practical activities and developing their understanding of 'working scientifically'.

Miss Duffy will be meeting parents from Reception class this week for her Parents Evening, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress, and have a look at some of their work.

On Friday, we will also be celebrating **Comic Relief Day**. Our School Council have been working on some ideas for raising money for charity. Red noses are on sale this week and children can also wear something red on Friday for a small donation. We are also going to hold a bake sale after assembly on Friday. It would be lovely if pupils could bring in some cakes to sell. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the bake sale stall where children can buy a treat. Please make sure that any containers sent in are labelled with your child's name so we can return them. We must ask that no cakes containing nuts are sent in as some pupils have a nut allergy.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Next week on Thursday 23rd March, parents of KS2 children will be joining us for Parents Evening. This will take place in the hall during the afternoon. Parents will be able to join us at their allocated time slot, speak to the class teacher and discuss their child's work and progress. There will be a chance to look at children's work in books. Refreshments will also be provided in the hall, and there will be a range of information available from our pastoral team staff including Miss Berry and Miss Cunningham, and visitors including the local police, school nurse and Child and Family Wellbeing service who will also be available to chat about different initiatives and local support. Please could parents ensure that they supervise their younger children if they bring them into the hall with them.

STRIKES

You may be aware that some schools are closing or partially shut on Wednesday and Thursday this week due to further strikes by members of the NEU teaching union. We are not planning on closing classes so please send your children into school as usual.

ONLINE SAFETY

Some of our older pupils are accessing online video chats with each other which can be a positive experience most of the time. On some occasions however, these video calls are upsetting children due to the content being discussed. Please be aware of any apps your children are accessing and talk to them about online respect for others. The guide attached this week is related to different ways of being kind online.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week for last week:-

Nursery – Amani Ahmed
Reception – Tobias Watson
Year 1 – Elliot Butterworth
Year 2 – Layton Quinn
Year 3 – Blake Tompkins
Year 4 – Joseph Gallagher
Year 5 – Evelyn Diggin
Year 6 – Alan Lasek
We are all proud of your hard work.



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners from last week who have won certificates for “**GOOD LISTENING FOR LEARNING**”.

Nursery – Rowan O’Rourke
Reception – Bobbie Greenwood
Year 1 – Evelyn Stephens
Year 2 – Amelia Hussain
Year 3 – Junior Quinn
Year 4 – Charlie Belshaw
Year 5 – Amelia Nuttall
Year 6 – Imogen Taylor
This week’s theme will be ‘**TAKING RESPONSIBILITY**’.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 94.7%
Year 1 – 94.0%
Year 2 – 93.3%
Year 3 – 96.7%
Year 4 – 95.1%
Year 5 – 97.9% (Winner)
Year 6 – 96.5%

Weekly Overall School Attendance – 95.4%



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘Be kind to one another.’

Ephesians 4:32

