

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER – 26th November 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

This has been a very busy half term so far in school! Over the next few weeks, we will be completing end of term assessments, going on trips, preparing for our Advent and Christmas activities and practising for our performances – more information about this to follow.

Next week is KS2's Art and DT week – this time the themes will be either 'formal elements of art', food technology or mechanisms. We will share some pictures of our creations in the next newsletter.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

This weekend our Advent season starts as we wait and prepare for the coming of Jesus, and the celebration of his birth on Christmas Day.

Monday is Purple Monday so we invite children to come to school wearing any item of purple clothing or a purple accessory.

Father Chris will be blessing our tree next week, and all children are making gift decorations to add to the tree.

The GIFT team have worked very hard to plan Christingle activities, which will take place on Thursday. Please can children bring an orange to school on Monday so it can be decorated in class. During this special season, all children and staff will have an Advent 'prayer buddy' to look after, to think about and pray for.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start primary school in September 2022, the closing date for applications in Lancashire is 15th January 2022. Please click on the link below for further details. Please can [Apply online for a school place - Lancashire County Council](#)

We also have places in our Nursery class for children from the age of three. Please contact the office for more details.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all EYFS and KS1 parents who have taken part in our Parent's Evening appointments. Next week, parents of KS2 children will have their appointments. Y6J and Y6K Parents' Evening has been moved to Thursday 9th December 2021. Please contact the office if you still need to make an appointment.

TRIPS

Next Friday 3rd December, the EYFS and KS1 pupils will be visiting Thornton Hall Country Park for their trip, to take part in a magical Christmas adventure. The special day involves Christmas crafts, a movie, an entertaining show, feeding the deer and exploring the festive garden. Please send your child in with a coat, hat, gloves and sturdy shoes/boots to keep warm so they can really enjoy their adventure.

FIRE SERVICE

Next week, we will be visited by firefighters from the fire service to talk to our Y2 and Y3 children about ways to keep safe. Our Y6 pupils will be having a presentation on road safety.

WEEKLY AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – AJ Wroughton
Reception – Lucas Hanson
Year 1 – Layton Quinn
Year 2 – Mia Rowell
Year 3 – Michael Moore
Year 4 - Maizy Dearden
Year 5 – Savana Navin
Year 6J – Jan Kniveton
Year 6K – Aimee Pickering



ATTENDANCE

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

Reception	92.6%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	88.4%
Year 4	90.7%
Year 5	96.4% (Winner)
Year 6J (Mrs Jackson)	85.0%
Year 6K (Mrs Knowles)	95.0%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 92.4%



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Next week our Assembly theme will be the beginning of Advent and the meaning of Hope.



ROMANS 15:13