

**ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**  
**NEWSLETTER – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

We welcomed our pupils back to school last Wednesday and it was lovely to see them all working hard and enjoying being with their friends.

Thank you to all of you for understanding the need to close our school last Friday.

The morning weather conditions were very treacherous and many of our teaching staff have to travel from a distance and were simply unable to get to school safely. Although staff did set off on their journeys, they were facing too many travel challenges and conditions proved to be too much of a risk to the safety of our staff. We rarely make the decision to close, but on this occasion it was unavoidable as we would have been severely understaffed in school. Again, thank you for your support.

**SCHOOL TUTORING**

As part of government targets to enable pupils to catch up on lost learning due to the pandemic, schools have been given funding to provide extra tuition. For the Spring and Summer terms, we welcome Mr Barry to St Mary's, who will be working with small groups of children from Y4, Y5 and Y6. He will be helping pupils to practise and improve their phonics, reading, writing and maths skills in small group interventions.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

Father Chris will be beginning the Sacramental Programme for Catholic Y3 pupils later in January, in preparation for the children to make their First Holy Communion in the summer term. Letters have gone home to the children listed as Catholic on our records. If you think your child should have received a letter, please contact the office as soon as possible.

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

This week, Y6 will be taking part in Bikeability, learning to ride a bike safely and developing their road safety awareness.

Nursery, Reception and Y5 were treated to a visit from the 'Space Dome' today – a visual and informative experience linking to their current class topics.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022, so this is the final week in which parents are able to apply. 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.

**BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK – Feast of the Epiphany**

