

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER
– 24th MARCH 2022

SCHOOL NEWS

Y4 are visiting and exploring the locality today, taking part in a litter picking activity to support our local community. We are working with Bacup Pride to look after our environment and to promote good citizenship. Well done Y4 – pictures will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who bought a red nose or donated money towards Comic Relief last Friday. With your generosity, we managed to raise **£257.26** for charity.

Every week in our Friday assembly, we are now going to be celebrating the growth mindset achievements of children in each class, as well as our usual Star Rewards. Pupils will be chosen for demonstrating the skills needed for a positive attitude towards their work in some way and each week there will be a special focus for children to work on. For this first week, our chosen word has been **COLLABORATION** and we have been looking for pupils who have really tried hard to work well with others as part of their learning.

So congratulations to our certificate winners for this week who are:

Nursery – Ralphie Mellor

Reception – Whole Class

Y1 – Faye-Louise Johnson

Y2 – Freddie Mellor

Y3 – Carly Wroughton

Y4 – Declan Nuttall

Y5 – Talisha Johnston-Booth

Y6K – Kayleigh Thompson

Y6J – Jayden Raby

FEAST of ST OSCAR ROMERO

This week the children have been learning about St Oscar Romero, whose feast day was yesterday. Our Romero Catholic Academy Trust is named after Oscar Romero. He lived from 1917 until 1980. Romero was an archbishop in El Salvador, dedicated to serving people living in poverty and always trying to promote peace and fairness in a country, which at the time, was full of instability and violence. Romero spoke out against the government, and because of this, he was killed whilst saying Mass in 1980. He became a Saint in 2018.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

A parent questionnaire has been sent home with the children tonight. We would be very grateful if you complete and return the questionnaire to school by Friday 8th April 2022. You only need to complete one form per family. Your views are important to us as we plan future school improvements.

LIVING WITH COVID

Although the Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test, cases are now rising within the local community. To avoid the spread of the virus within school, St Mary's will continue to follow the current Government advice that adults and children who test positive should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, children can safely return to school.

VOUCHERS

Vouchers to support families will once again be issued over the Easter holiday period. Just a reminder that as most schools have a two week break at this time, the vouchers will cover both weeks at Easter, rather than two weeks in Spring break. Miss Entwistle from the office will contact you when the vouchers are ready for collection.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Egg-citing news! The GIFT Team have launched an Easter competition which opens today. Children need to get their creative juices flowing to design a cool Easter egg. The competition closes on Wednesday 6th April and winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 8th April. There will be a prize for each winner, 1 winner per class. All eggs entered will be used in the class Easter egg hunts. We can't wait to see what the children come up with! Good luck!!!

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – SPRING TERM

Thank you to all our parents, carers and staff who have participated in telephone meetings this week for EYFS and KS1 pupils. Our Key Stage 2 meetings will take place next week.

ONLINE SAFETY – Here is this week's Top Tip

Social media and uploading content

Talk to your children about the benefits and risks of social networking before they join any sites. Let them know that anything they upload, email or message could stay around forever online. Help them to be critical of things they see online and judge the quality and reliability of online sources.

WEEKLY AWARDS - STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Kaiden Bamford

Reception – Koby Goodill

Year 1 – Brody Brown

Year 2 – Mikayeel Hussain

Year 3 – Harley Uzcategui-Kavanagh

Year 4 – Junior Ticehurst

Year 5 – Lucas Robinson-Hall

Year 6J – Ellie-Mai O'Connor

Year 6K – Ethan Milner O'Hare

ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 86.6%

Year 1 – 94.6%

Year 2 – 97.3% (Winner)

Year 3 – 96.1%

Year 4 – 92.9%

Year 5 – 94.3%

Year 6J (Mrs Jackson) – 94.6%

Year 6K (Mrs Knowles) – 94.7%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 93.9%

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK – Justice

