

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 14th OCTOBER 2022

SCHOOL NEWS

We can't believe how quickly this half-term has flown by and next week we will be finishing for our half-term holiday on Thursday 20th October 2022 at 3.20 pm.

Next half-term we will be busy with all sorts of activities including our Christmas trips and events – letters will be sent home after half-term.

EYFS Trip to Thornton Hall – Monday 28th November

KS1 Trip to Smithills Farm – Wednesday 7th December

KS2 Snow White Pantomime Trip at Middleton Arena – Monday 12th December

We will have some theme weeks in November including our Multi-Faith week and Road Safety week, as well as celebrating Children in Need and Remembrance Day. Parent Conferencing will take place for KS1 w/c 21st November and for KS2 w/c 28th November. More details to follow soon.

HALF-TERM VOUCHERS

Lancashire County Council are providing vouchers for the October half-term at £15 per eligible FSM child. Vouchers are available for collection at home-time from your usual collection point.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER TEAM (GIFT Team)

Congratulations to the children who have been selected for our GIFT team this year. Amelia-Rae, Evelyn, Amelia, Annabelle and Maizy from Year 5 will join Harvey and Savanna from Year 6 in our new team. The children will be attending a training day at All Saints next week to find out more about their special role in school. Here is a picture of some of the team members.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – William Webb

Reception – Lewis Halstead

Year 1 – Rowan Gough

Year 2 – Primrose

Year 3 – Junior Quinn

Year 4 – Noah

Year 5 – Mason Robinson-Hall

Year 6 – Dylan Milner-O'Hare



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for 'RESILIENCE'.

Nursery – Milania Doyle

Reception – Lily Biernat

Year 1 – Evie-Rose Johnson

Year 2 – Fayelouise Johnson

Year 3 – Sway Fulljames

Year 4 – Lily-Rose Raby

Year 5 – John Bosters-Bridge

Year 6 – Brayden Dearden

After half-term, our phrase of the week will be 'RECOGNISING SELF-ACHIEVEMENT'

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 91.3%

Year 1 – 90.0%

Year 2 – 95.8%

Year 3 – 88.5%

Year 4 – 96.0% (Winner)

Year 5 – 92.0%

Year 6 – 95.5%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 93%.



APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Just to remind Year 6 parents that Secondary School applications must be submitted by 31st October 2022. If you are having problems completing the online application form, paper forms are available from the School Office but we would need to receive completed forms by Wednesday 19th October due to the half-term holidays.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

ONLINE SAFETY

Miss McLaughlin has been talking to Key Stage 2 about online safety in Assembly this week and about some of the issues children face. We have been made aware of a current TikTok craze where children are using magnets as pretend tongue piercings, which can be dangerous as some children have swallowed the magnets. We just wanted to alert parents to this issue.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK – THEME OF HEALING

