

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 25th NOVEMBER 2022

SCHOOL NEWS

Children have been working hard in class and next week they will be carrying out some assessments in phonics, reading, writing and maths so that we can see the progress they have made so far this autumn term.

Y5 visited Bacup Museum earlier this week to look at and discuss artefacts and information relating to the World Wars as part of their history topic. The children are finding the topic interesting and it is lovely to see them asking lots of questions to deepen their understanding.



On Monday, our EYFS pupils will be visiting Thornton Hall Country Park for their Christmas Adventure so we hope they all have a lovely time exploring and joining in with the different activities. We are looking forward to sharing some of our photographs with you next week!

CHRISTMAS DATES

Sunday will mark the beginning of Advent in preparing for Christmas and the coming of our Lord. On Monday, we will begin our Advent season in school and as always, children are invited to wear a purple item of clothing. This could be a t-shirt, jumper, socks, hair bobble!

Our Christmas tree will be arriving in school and the children will be making decorations for the tree, before Father Chris blesses it for us.

On Friday, each class will hold a short Christingle service and Father Chris will visit the children in each year group. We would be grateful if each child could bring an orange into school early next week so we can decorate it for Christingle.

PARENTS EVENINGS

This is just a reminder that the EYFS and KS1 Parent Appointments will be taking place next. The KS2 appointments will take place the week beginning 5th December.

SCHOOL CAR PARK GATES

With the increasing number of cars coming onto the School Car Park, it is becoming dangerous for children and families walking to and from school. From Monday, we will be closing the car park gates at drop off and collection times. This is to encourage families to park on Pennine Road and to make the school premises a pedestrian-friendly zone. Thank you for your support and understanding.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – AJ Wroughton
Reception – Lily Biernat
Year 1 – Jaxon Edge
Year 2 – Primrose
Year 3 – Kayden Buckley
Year 4 – Daniel Murfitt
Year 5 – Finton Fallows
Year 6 – Millie-May Thomas



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for **'LEADERSHIP SKILLS'**.

Nursery – Sophie Travis
Reception – Theo-Jax Whittaker
Year 1 – Benjamin Jones
Year 2 – Lilly-Anne Rawstron
Year 3 – Shayla Burke
Year 4 – Ethan Hatch-Murdock
Year 5 – Declan Nuttall
Year 6 – Alfie Kendall

Next week's Growth Mindset phrase will be **'FACING A CHALLENGE'**.

ONLINE SAFETY

This week's safety guide relates to TikTok which is aimed at children aged 13 years and over. However, if your child does have a TikTok account or accesses your own account, this guide gives useful tips about online safety and advice for parents. It is attached with the newsletter.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 93.5%

Year 1 – 94.4% (winner)

Year 2 – 91.3%

Year 3 – 93.5%

Year 4 – 91.1%

Year 5 – 92.6%

Year 6 – 91.0%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 92.3%



QUOTE OF THE WEEK - ADVENT

