

ST. MARY'S C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



'Through God's love, we strive to be the best we can be.'

2 NOVEMBER, 2018

NEWSLETTER NO: 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you all had a good half term break and that you have all returned to your normal routines with a spring in your step, even though it is much colder and darker.

There are some exciting events coming up including the school disco for the children and for the adults, the quiz night. This is always an exciting evening where staff, parents and governors get a chance to socialise and have fun in the general knowledge quiz. The ticket price includes dinner and refreshments. We hope to see lots of you there. More details are at the bottom of the newsletter.

Please can I remind you all, that parents and carers must not be entering the main school building and classrooms. This is a rule that is in place to safeguard your children and staff will ask that you leave if you are found to be there. We understand that you may want to get a message to the class teacher however the teachers start work with the children at 8.50am and will not be available at this time. There are other systems in place to get a message through to the classroom. You can speak to a member of the senior leadership team on the main gate, speak to a member of staff at the main office to make an appointment to either meet the teacher or have the teacher call you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Lastly, as we approach World Kindness day on the 13th November I am pleased to spread the word about what St Mary's are doing to 'make the world a better place'. Children volunteers from Year 6 have led on this and have shared their aims with the whole school. The aims are:

- Be kind and make someone smile
- Forgive and move on (we are realistic that sometimes things do go wrong).
- Promote how kindness is cool

They also shared how they would try and spread kindness.

Over the next two weeks everyone will be on the lookout to catch people being kind which could result in children gaining kindness points, a kindness star of the week and the opportunity to take part in a community random act of kindness.

We are looking forward to seeing the impact of this project across the school and in the school community by doing just simple things including, holding a door open, saying good morning or giving a compliment. If you would like to find out more please see the school website news page.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs O'Brien
Head teacher

Dates for your diary - Autumn 2018

Week	Date	Event / activity	Who
9	8 th November 2018	Disco YR 1 - 6	PTFA
10	14 th November 2018	Quiz Night	Staff/Parent/Governors
10	15 th November 2018	Flu Vaccinations	Reception – YR 5
11	19 th November 2018	Parents Evening YR 1 – YR 6	Staff/parents
11	20 th November 2018	Parents Evening YR 1 – YR 6	Staff/parents
11	22 nd November 2018	Children's individual photo's	School staff

Disco tickets are now sold out.

Spanish star of the week



KITTY

YEAR 4

Sports star of the week



J'NIYAH

YEAR 1

Musician of the week



EKRAN

YEAR 2

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to remind parents of the importance of getting your child to school on time. Many of you are never or rarely late, this is great, well done.

However, we have noted that the main office has been extremely busy after the gate has closed at 9am with late comers. It is our job to highlight to you that when a child is late the impact on a child is loss of learning. At St Mary's children late in the morning will be missing out of the fundamental lesson of reading.

This is time that your child will not get back and it will impact on their achievement throughout their school career. We have noticed slower progress for some children who are persistently late. Being late regularly (persistently poor punctuality) is not acceptable and not fair on the child. Children often feel embarrassed or uncomfortable as they enter the classroom late or when their class does not achieve awards for punctuality.

Please get your routines organised so that your child does not miss out on their learning and we do not have to keep communicating with parents both collectively and individually about this.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% in school	Rank
R	96.43	2nd
1	95.45	3rd
2	94.84	4th
3	90.82	7th
4	97.95	1st
5	92.06	6th
6	92.22	5th



PUNCTUALITY AWARD

Class	Numbers late	Rank
R	5	2nd
1	5	2nd
2	2	1st
3	5	2nd
4	6	5th
5	6	5th
6	8	7th



Let's celebrate!

Congratulations to all the children that have received the star of the week award at our celebration assembly this week.

Children receive these by 'living out' one or more of our school values.

Nursery:	ARTHUR
Reception	EVA
Year 1	N/A
Year 2	NEVAEH
Year 3	KEMEL
Year 4	GABRIEL
Year 5	SAHIL
Year 6	VANESSA

HOPE
COURAGE
LOVE
RESPECT
TRUTH



A prayer for the week

World Kindness Day

Dear God,
Please help me to spread kindness to those around me.
Please help others to spread kindness too.
In the hope that together we can make the world a better place.
Amen



School Funding

Did you know that part of our school funding (Pupil Premium Grant) is based on the numbers of children that are eligible AND REGISTERED for Free School Meals (FSM)?

With budgets in school shrinking it is crucial that we get all the funding that we are entitled to, but we need your help!

If you are claiming benefits, you are probably entitled to register for FSM. You may not want your child to have FSM or they may already have it as part of the Governments initiative to give all children in Years 1, 2 and Reception a free school dinner.

Never the less we need you, to register so we can get the funding to put towards the education of the children at St Mary's.

If you think you would qualify for FSM (even if you do not want your child to have a school dinner) please follow the link below.

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/section/pupil-benefits>



PTFA NEWS

St Mary's C of E Primary School PTFA presents...



WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

7.30 FOR 8PM START

£12 PER PERSON (INCLUDES DINNER AND HALF A BOTTLE OF WINE/ 2 BEERS)

ENTER ON YOUR OWN AND WE CAN FIND YOU A TEAM OR ENTER AS A TABLE OF 6

CONTACT: StMarysPTFAN16@gmail.com or call in at the School Office for tickets