

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 20th OCTOBER 2022

SCHOOL NEWS

The GIFT team enjoyed their training day at All Saints yesterday and are looking forward to sharing their ideas with the rest of the school. We were really proud of the contribution the GIFT team made to the training day.

Our EYFS children visited Bacup Library last Friday for story-time and to find out about different kinds of books. The children were given library cards and we are pleased that some families have returned since to change books. We are hoping to visit the Library with other classes during the year and to make use of this valuable local service.

After half-term, our EYFS classes will have visits from our local Police and Firefighters to find out about people that help us.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We would like to recruit another Parent Governor to join Shelley Johnson on our Governing Body. Our Governors are a small, welcoming team who work together to raise standards at St Mary's. If you would like to apply, please complete the form which has been sent home with children today. If you have any questions regarding the role, please contact the School Office.

PE KITS AND SWIMMING

The children will be bringing their PE kits home today for washing over the half-term. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school when they return on Monday 31st October. As a reminder, the PE kit consists of white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings and black pumps/trainers. It is very important that each child has a PE kit in school in order to participate fully in lessons.

We are pleased that Whitworth Baths will reopen during half-term so Year 6 will be starting swimming lessons on Thursday afternoons. Children will need a swimming costume/trunks, towel and swimming cap for long hair.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Lucas Woodrup
Reception – Jaxon Dymont
Year 1 – Ryker Hatch-Murdock
Year 2 – Aria Haselden
Year 3 – Freddie Mellor
Year 4 – Liah Hamer
Year 5 – Charlie Braide
Year 6 – Harvey Cunliffe



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for 'RECOGNISING SELF-ACHIEVEMENT'.

Nursery – Annie Rhodes

Reception – Lily Biernat

Year 1 – Elliot Butterworth

Year 2 – Christopher Robertson

Year 3 – Lexie Gregory

Year 4 – Emmanuel Alves-Okafor

Year 5 – Evelyn Diggin

Year 6 – Adrian Moore

After half-term, our phrase of the week will be 'RECALLING INFORMATION'.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 89.8%

Year 1 – 97.2% (Winner)

Year 2 – 90.6%

Year 3 – 94.4%

Year 4 – 90.0%

Year 5 – 90.6%

Year 6 – 94.9%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 92.4%.



APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Just to remind Year 6 parents that Secondary School applications must be submitted by 31st October 2022. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

UPDATE FROM UK HEALTH AGENCY – SCARLET FEVER

We have been informed of a small number of cases of Scarlet Fever over the last week. After seeking advice, Public Health have stated that children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should get a GP appointment and if diagnosed with scarlet fever, they should not attend Nursery / School until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment. School already has enhanced hand hygiene and cleaning measures in place.

ONLINE SAFETY

We have been discussing our Acceptable Use agreements for online safety in class and assemblies recently. We have attached copies of these in case you would like to discuss online safety with your children.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The Lord has done great things for us
and we are filled with joy".*

Psalm 126:3