

**ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**  
**NEWSLETTER – 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

Welcome back after our winter break, all staff at St Mary's would like to wish our families a very Happy New Year. We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas celebrations together. We are pleased to see that the children have returned with positive attitudes and are working hard already this Spring term.

As we have only had three days in school so far, this is a shorter newsletter and we will be celebrating achievements again as of next week.

This term, classes will begin to hold assemblies which they will present to the rest of their key stage, and parents and family members of the children in those classes will be able to join us for those assemblies. You will receive an invite to your child's assembly which will give you the date and time it will take place. Our first class assembly will be led by Y2 on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am in the hall. It will be approximately 10-15 minutes long.

We had a special assembly today to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany – marking the occasion when the Three Wise Men visited Jesus after his birth. Thank you to Millie-May from Y6 for helping with the readings, and reading beautifully.

### **SWIMMING and PE**

From next week, Y5 children will be swimming on Wednesday mornings and Y6 children will continue swimming on a Thursday afternoon. Swimming is an essential skill and an activity that is a compulsory part of our national curriculum so all pupils are expected to go to swimming lessons. Separate letters have been sent home this week for each class. Please remember to send swimming kits in, as well as towels and swimming caps for those with long hair.

Teachers have sent home class newsletters today regarding the Spring term, please take notice of when PE days are and make sure your child brings in their PE kit on Monday as lessons have started.

### **APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES**

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for Reception places for September is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and you can apply online using this link:-

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

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

The National Online Safety organisation has produced a poster about staying safe on new devices. Please see the guide attached with this newsletter.

### **BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*'The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.'*

*(Matthew 2:9)*

