

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER – 20TH JANUARY 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

This week has been quite challenging in terms of the weather – with many of our teachers living quite a drive from school and struggling with icy road conditions. Thank you to all our pupils who have behaved exceptionally well whilst adapting to some of the staff changes we have had to make this week, we have been very proud of the children's positive attitudes.

Well done to Y2 for holding their first class assembly of the year on Tuesday and thank you to the Y2 families who were able to attend. Our next class assembly will be delivered by Y1 on Tuesday 31st January at 9.15am in the hall. We would love to see our Y1 families there!

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Just a reminder that we are holding a Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents next Wednesday 25th January from 9am-10am in the hall. If you would like to find out more about how you can support your child with phonics and reading, we would love to see you at the workshop. Refreshments will be provided.

PUPIL LEADERS

We currently have a number of groups that our children are leading, with a little support from our staff. We have our GIFT team (Mrs Barnes and Mrs Mills), Eco-Warriors (Mrs Haworth), Mental Health Champions (Miss Mills) and Sports Leaders (Miss Duffy). This week, Ms Anderson formed our new School Council so congratulations to Eddie, Pixie, Yassine, Mason, Lily, Emmanuel, Junior, Jay and Mehereen who will be collaborating on some ideas for ways of improving aspects of school life. We look forward to sharing their ideas with you all. Our next aim is to recruit some Librarians for Miss Kay and some Digital Leaders to work with Mrs Townsend.

TEACHER STRIKES

You may have heard in the news this week about possible teacher strikes taking place on a few dates in February and March for teachers in a particular union called the NEU. We plan to stay open as a school but will share more information with you nearer the time. The strikes are taking place between the teaching union and the government, it is not a 'teachers versus St Mary's school' issue.

ONLINE SAFETY

The Parents and Carers guide we are sharing this week is about using Twitter safely. Although Twitter is aimed at those over 13, many younger children have their own accounts. The guide explains some of the risks for younger users, as well as tips and advice for parents.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Bella Strudwick
Reception – Bobbie Greenwood
Year 1 – Evie-Rose Johnson
Year 2 – Layton Quinn
Year 3 – Lily Navin
Year 4 – Carly Wroughton
Year 5 – Fintan Fallows
Year 6 – Imogen Taylor



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for **'HELPING OTHERS WITH YOUR SKILLS'**.

Nursery – Summer Powell

Reception – Shaye Duffy

Year 1 – Leo Parkinson

Year 2 – Becky Alves-Okafor

Year 3 – Sway Fulljames

Year 4 – Jack Wroughton

Year 5 – Amelia Rae Flynn

Year 6 – Mehereen Latif

Next week's theme will be **'RETRIEVING INFORMATION'**.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats. We are hoping that next week our attendance will be much better. We will be drawing our winner for the Attendance Hamper next week, there are 34 pupils names in the draw, who had 100% attendance in Autumn 2.

Reception – 90.6%

Year 1 – 85.9%

Year 2 – 94.5%

Year 3 – 98.9% (Winner)

Year 4 – 83.7%

Year 5 - 94.6%

Year 6 – 91.2%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 91.2%



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK – exploring our theme of Tolerance and Respect

