

**ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**  
**NEWSLETTER – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

It was lovely to see so many parents at our KS1 Parents Evening on Thursday afternoon. Thank you for coming to discuss your child's progress and to see what they have been learning in class. We were joined by our community police officers who attended in order to help with advice on any issues, as well as representatives from our local Child and Family Wellbeing Service. Thank you also for completing the parent surveys about St Mary's – we will be looking at your comments and views and will feedback after Easter.

Well done to Y5 for their thought-provoking assembly this week – presenting both sides of a discussion on deforestation. This was an effective way of sharing different viewpoints on a current environmental topic.

Thank you to Carly and Jack Wroughton's family for donating toys to our Nursery – this was very kind and Mrs Burridge feels the toys will be well used by our Nursery children.

**EASTER SERVICES**

Thank you to the GIFT team members who represented St Mary's so fantastically at this week's Valley Mass Service at All Saints. A special thank you to Annabelle and Amelia-Rae who read the Gospel Acclamation at the event. Father Chris led a lovely Easter Mass for us this morning and we were joined by our Chair of Governors, Mr Heakin. Well done to our readers and to all the children who behaved superbly.

Y3 and Y4 pupils will be presenting an Easter performance on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10am which the Y3 and Y4 families will be invited to watch, as well as the rest of our children. We will also be exploring the events of Holy Week and the journey through the Stations of the Cross.

Next Thursday afternoon the children will have an Assembly and we will be holding our Easter egg raffle and our Easter bonnet parade, if children have made them and would like to show them off! Classes will also be making Easter gardens and cards for some of their Easter-themed activities. Raffle tickets will be available from Monday to Thursday next week.

**SCHOOL OFFICE RE-ORGANISATION**

There will be some changes to the office after the Easter holidays resulting in promotions for both Mrs Rawlinson and Miss Entwistle. Mrs Rawlinson will become the School Business Manager for two schools within the Multi-Academy Trust – St Mary's (Bacup) and St Joseph's (Todmorden). Mrs Rawlinson will be at St Mary's on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week but will not be based in the front office. Miss Entwistle will become the School Office Manager with responsibility for the day-to-day running of the School Office and with extended working hours. Supporting the busy morning period, Miss Cunningham will also be available in the School Office from 8.45 am – 10.00 am. Congratulations to our office team for well deserved promotions.

**END OF TERM**

Just a reminder that we will be finishing for our Easter break at 3.20pm next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, and returning on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45 am. Breakfast and After School Clubs will be available at the usual times. We have had a few reports about local children playing out on bikes and scooters and needing to be more aware of road safety issues, so we would be grateful if you could remind your children about this over the holidays.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week:-

Nursery – Olivia McMahon

Reception – Noah Crook

Year 1 – Pixie-Rae Hayhurst

Year 2 – Harvey Openshaw

Year 3 – Junior Quinn

Year 4 – Daniel Murfitt

Year 5 – Sonny-Dean Fulljames

Year 6 – Melita Abela

We are all proud of your hard work.



## GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners from this week who have won certificates for “**DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE**”

Nursery – Rosie-Leigh Kenyon

Reception – Ralphie Mellor

Year 1 – Pixie-Rae Hayhurst

Year 2 – Marshall Murray

Year 3 – Lily Dwyer

Year 4 – Joseph Gallagher

Year 5 – Sienna Shaw

Year 6 – Millie-May Thomas

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 83.8%

Year 1 – 89.3%

Year 2 – 87.1%

**Year 3 – 93.3% (Winner)**

Year 4 – 84.6%

Year 5 – 84.7%

Year 6 – 89.5%

**Weekly Overall School Attendance – 87.3%**



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

