



## ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER 15.11.24

### SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday, the children took part in a Remembrance service in school – they showed upmost respect. We are proud of the children's conduct and will be providing more opportunities for children to show their respects throughout the year.

Today the children have come into school wearing non-uniform or Pyjamas to raise money for Children in Need. The children have participated in a range of activities throughout the day, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. We have managed to raise £80.70 for the Children in Need charity.

Last week, we raised £70.00 for the parish.

The book fair was a great hit and we sold £236.78 worth of books to families. School will now be given some vouchers to enable us to purchase more books for the school library.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

### Important Dates

- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 1 Parents evening
- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – All other year groups Parents evening
- **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am – 1.00pm** – Christmas Fayre at Our Lady of St Anselms - Our school choir will be joining with OLSA's choir to open the Christmas fair with some festive carols.

## Star Award

Nursery – Orla  
Reception – Aaliyah  
Year 1 – Joshua & Amani  
Year 2 – Lily B & Noah W  
Year 3 – Ryker  
Year 4 – Braxton & Fayelouise  
Year 5 – Lexie & Lillie P  
Year 6 – Yaseer & Riley

## It didn't go unnoticed

Loga, Lily S, Brandon, Koby, Yaseerah, Lily D, Luke, Ben, Lilly-Rose, Bailey, Noah H, Evie J & Kayden

## **Bronze awards**

Well done to these children, they are the first to receive their Bronze awards for 50 behaviour points. They have followed all 3 school rules consistently; be safe, be ready, be respectful.

Evie, Isaiah, Kasia, Junior, Sway, Caitlyn, Ethan, Jack, Ellie

## Attendance

Well done to Year 5S for their punctuality!

Well done to year 4 for their 97.9% attendance!

Remember attendance as a school should be higher than 96% to ensure that children make the best progress.



## Safeguarding

We continue to prioritise safeguarding at St Marys. Please see a non-exclusive list of websites that can provide additional support to safeguard your children.

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) For General Advice

[www.netmums.com](http://www.netmums.com) For general advice on parenting issues and local events happening

[www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk) Housing and debt advice

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) Keeping your child safe online

[www.entitledto.co.uk](http://www.entitledto.co.uk) Benefits Calculator - check you are receiving everything you are entitled to.

If you need any further support please contact Mr Haworth, Mrs Love or Miss Cunningham.

## PTA

An exciting opportunity has become available. At St Mary's we want to develop an effective Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This will enable us to provide a more enhanced curriculum for the children by raising money. If you are interested in becoming a part of the PTA team, please contact; Mrs Love or Miss Cunningham.

## Health

Please remember that children are not permitted to bring nut products into school as we have some children with allergies.

# Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key workers

## **Operation Encompass**

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

This letter is to remind you that our school is participating in Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child's school is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school the following day.

Each school is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all domestic abuse, vulnerable child and missing incidents can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including holidays and weekends. Information will only be shared with the school by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At *St Mary's* our Key Adult is *Mr Haworth, Headteacher*. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential and will only share it on a need-to-know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

This national initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

**Yours sincerely,**

Mr K Heakin  
Chair of Governors

Mr J Haworth  
Head Teacher

## **Pan Lancashire Operation Encompass**

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in or witness to a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident.

Operation Encompass has been created to address such situations that create a safeguarding risk to young people. It is the implementation of key partnership working between the police and schools/ colleges. The aim of sharing information with local schools/ colleges is to allow 'Key Adults' the opportunity of engaging with the child and to provide access to support that allows them to remain in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following the report of a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident, by 9.00am on the next school/ college day the school's Key Adult will be informed of the child or young person's involvement. This knowledge, given to educational establishments through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child/ young person.

The purpose and procedures in Operation Encompass have been shared with all parents and governors, is detailed as part of the school's Safeguarding Policy and published on our school website.



