

**ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**  
**NEWSLETTER – 10th FEBRUARY 2022**

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM**

School closes today, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022, at 3.20 pm for February half-term with Busy Kids After School Club available until 5.15 pm. School reopens on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 8.40 am for Breakfast Bagels and Breakfast Club will be available from 8.00 am. We wish you a fun and enjoyable February half-term.

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER**

We would like to remind parents that Miss Cunningham, our Family Support Worker, is available to support families needing help with benefit advice, food bank referrals and applying for grants. Due to Covid, we have not been able to have parent groups in school but hopefully, later in the school year, we shall be able to have some group sessions that will see various agencies coming in offering support too.

Miss Cunningham is available for telephone calls or face-to-face appointments. If you leave a message at the office, she will be able to contact you, or alternatively telephone her work mobile during school hours between 8.30am and 3.30pm on 07783007714.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

This week in Key Stage 2 it has been Art and DT week. The children have been developing skills relating to puppetry, collage, photography and structures to tie in with their class topics. We will share some of their fabulous artwork with you in our next newsletter.

**PE ASSEMBLY**

This morning, the children took part in a virtual assembly with athlete mentor Rachel McKenzie, who is a professional boxer and Thai boxer. She talked to pupils about wellbeing, developing resilience, raising aspirations and the benefits of physical activity. She also explained some relaxation techniques to our older pupils.

We hope that your child felt inspired by her achievements.

**END OF TERM TREATS**

Each class chose their end of term treats which they celebrated today, including movies and popcorn, a pyjama party and hot chocolate, brand new toys for class and a 'carousel of fun'!

Well done to our pupils for their hard work this half term.

**SAFER INTERNET DAY**

Tuesday this week was Safer Internet Day. This took place nationally and our school's theme was about being 'SMART' online. This day encourages us to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for all, and especially for children and young people.

To ensure we continue to educate and equip our children with the knowledge of how to stay safe online, we will be posting a top tip each week on our newsletter, which will also be shared in classes.

Our online safety top tip for this week:

***Secure passwords: Make sure your password is hard to guess and don't share this with anyone else .***

## **LIFE EDUCATION VISIT**

The Life Education Team will be visiting St Mary's after half-term on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. Our children look forward to these annual workshops which focus on emotional and physical health and wellbeing. This year, the Life Education Team will be selling pencils and bookmarks at £1 each.

## **NSPCC**

After half term, we will be taking part in the NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe online' programme, which supports our PSHE unit of work 'Keeping Safe'. A separate letter relating to these safeguarding lessons specifically written for primary school pupils will be sent home for you to read at the beginning of the term.

## **BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK – theme of tenderness and love**

