

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 16th SEPTEMBER 2022

SCHOOL NEWS

All classes have been busy this week contributing artwork, prayers and thank you messages in recognition of the Queen's service to the country during her lifetime. Our lovely work was displayed in Assembly today as we paid our respects to the Queen and our new King. As you are aware, school is closed on Monday as this is a Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral.



Today is Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day. We would like to thank all our Teaching Assistants for their hard work and dedication in caring for our pupils. We presented them with a Certificate and some tasty treats during Assembly.

Father Chris celebrated the start of the new Academic Year by leading a lovely Mass this morning for Year 4, 5 and 6 children. Thank you to our readers who participated so well in the Mass.

PE KITS

Children **must** have a PE Kit in school as each class has 2 sessions of PE most weeks. The PE kits can be left in school all week and children need to be able to change into a labelled white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings and black pumps. PE lessons are part of the National Curriculum so children need to have a kit ready to join in lessons. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Ava Murphy
Reception – Shaye Duffy
Year 1 – Viktor Szpulecki
Year 2 – Yassine Rayhani
Year 3 – Mason Back
Year 4 – Ethan Hatch-Murdock
Year 5 – Junior Ticehurst
Year 6 – Adrian Moore



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for **'BEING READY'**.

Nursery – AJ Wroughton
Reception – Jaxon Dymont
Year 1 – Lucas Hanson
Year 2 – Reece Nuttall
Year 3 – Blake Tompkins
Year 4 – Liah Hamer
Year 5 – Declan Nuttall
Year 6 – Melita Abela

Next week, our phrase of the week will be **'PUTTING IN 100% EFFORT'**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As a school, we are trying to raise our attendance % as our target is 96%. If your child is to be absent from school, please ring the School Office to let us know as early as possible.

If your child's absence falls below 90%, this is classed as persistent absence and attendance procedures will be put into place to support you and your family. These include home visits, referrals to the school nursing team, attendance contracts, penalty fines and referrals to Lancashire Pupil Attendance Team.

We are very pleased that our new Reception class has won the Attendance Awards twice in a row. Well done to Blake Tompkins' family who won the attendance hamper for Blake's good attendance last year.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 99.3% (Winner)

Year 1 – 90.0%

Year 2 – 90.4%

Year 3 – 94.0%

Year 4 – 90.0%

Year 5 – 92.0%

Year 6 – 90.9%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 92.0%



APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Lancashire Admissions is now open for parents and families to apply for Secondary School and Primary School Places.

The deadline for Secondary School applications is 31st October 2022 and you can apply online using this link:- <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

The deadline for Reception places is 15th 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/>

If you need any assistance in completing the applications, please contact the School Office.

ONLINE SAFETY TIPS – SECURE PASSWORDS

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

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I know the plans
I have in mind for you,
declares the Lord;
they are plans for
peace, not disaster,
to give you a future
filled with hope."

JEREMIAH 29:11

