

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 2nd DECEMBER 2022

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Nursery and Reception children visited Thornton Hall Country Park for their Christmas trip on Monday and enjoyed taking part in all the activities. Here is a lovely picture of the children meeting Santa – each child received a gift.



The Christmas tree has arrived in school and the children have made decorations for the tree. Father Chris has blessed our Tree today to celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season. Classes are holding Christingle Services today and on Monday. Thank you to everyone for bringing in oranges for decoration.

There will be 3 Christmas hampers to win in our special Christmas raffles. Tickets can be purchased from the office – they are 20p per ticket or £1 for a strip. We will draw a winner at the end of each Christmas production.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS NEXT WEEK

We invite children to join in for Purple Monday by wearing a purple accessory to mark the 2nd week of Advent.

KS1 will be visiting Smithills Farm on Wednesday for their Christmas Trip. We look forward to sharing some photographs with you next week. All Saints will host an Advent Service on Wednesday and members of our GIFT team will be taking part.

On Friday, it is Christmas Jumper Day and children will also be having their School Christmas lunch.

PARKING

As you are aware, we recently started shutting our gates at drop-off and collection times to make these parts of the day as safe as possible for our families walking to and from school, and this has been working well – thank you for your co-operation.

However, some of our neighbours have contacted us with a polite request that parents do not block the lane outside school in order to drop off and collect their children as traffic is sometimes starting to build up, and the lane is not wide enough to accommodate a range of vehicles.

Unless there is a special agreement in place with a specified time, we must ask that you please park on Pennine Road and walk up through the pathway into the school grounds.

There is also a slightly wider area of lane further up past school which would allow for the width of two vehicles and possible short term parking for drop off and collections.

Thank you for supporting us in this matter, which is to ensure the safety of our pupils and their families, and also to be mindful of our neighbours and their own commitments.

ONLINE SAFETY

This week, the National Online Safety organisation have produced a guide for parents relating to supporting children with Social Media and Mental Health. The guide is attached.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Thanks to everyone who booked a Parents' Evening appointment over the last 2 weeks. In Spring Term, Parents' Evening will be held in School with the opportunity for parents to view books.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Rhyley Binnie
Reception – Joe-Lee Turner
Year 1 – Mitzee Crossley
Year 2 – Charlotte Jones
Year 3 – Mikayeel Hussain
Year 4 – Lilly-Rose Raby
Year 5 – Sonny-Dean Fulljames
Year 6 – Brayden Dearden



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for **'FACING A CHALLENGE'**.

Nursery – William Webb
Reception – Noah Crook
Year 1 – Rowan Gough
Year 2 – Lilly-Mai Austin
Year 3 – Junior Quinn
Year 4 – Tyler Gritt
Year 5 – Amelia Nuttall
Year 6 – Meghan Batt

Next week's Growth Mindset phrase will be **'ENCOURAGING OTHERS'**.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Reception – 88.8%

Year 1 – 91.0%

Year 2 – 93.8%

Year 3 – 93.0%

Year 4 – 91.4%

Year 5 – 98.4% (Winner)

Year 6 – 89.3%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 92.3%



QUOTE OF THE WEEK – ADVENT 'PEACE'

'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled.' (John 14:27)

