



## St Mary's R.C. First School Newsletter – Friday 10th February, 2023



*We love, we learn, we live.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been focusing on Children's Mental Health Week where the children of St. Mary's have been encouraged to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. On Tuesday it was 'Safer Internet Day' 2023 which centered around conversations with the theme 'Want to talk about it?' In school we celebrated Safer Internet Day, promoting the importance of speaking out about any worries and concerns that may arise from being online. The UK Safer Internet Centre [:https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers](https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers) provides tips and links with suggestions on how to help you and your family to stay safe and positive online.



As we continue on our 'Year Of Mary' we have explained to the children that another of Mary's titles is that of 'Lady of Lourdes'. On February 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. On this day we pray for the sick and all who care for them. We remember Mary appearing to Bernadette in Lourdes which has become a special place of healing and pilgrimage. We remember how often Jesus took pity on the sick and healed them. As such, the children of St. Mary's have created some prayer cards that they will bring home with them today. If you have a member of your family or friend that you would like us to pray for at this time, please return the prayer intention card with your child who will share it with the class teacher and we will keep that special person in our prayers.

Loving Father  
We ask that we may do what we can  
to help and comfort the sick  
and to support those who care for them,  
through Christ our Lord,  
**Amen**

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Oakes

**Mission Statement Value Award Winners:**

If you would like to celebrate your child's achievements out of school and would like us to give them a mention in Celebration Assembly on a Friday, then simply fill out one of the Mission Statement Value Cards that have been sent home with your child or ask for one at our school office. We love to hear about all the children's wonderful achievements, both in school and out!

Class			
Reception	Jenson	Eabha	Evie
Year 1	Charlotte	Ollie	Phoebe
Year 2	Olivia	Harrison	Joe
Year 3	Harley V	Spencer	Nils
Year 4	Sebastian S	Delilah	Brody

Your Child's Attendance at School



Attendance Please remember that every day in school counts!	
<u>Reception</u>	90.0 %
<u>Year 1</u>	98.5%
<u>Year 2</u>	89.5%
<u>Year 3</u>	98.8%
<u>Year 4</u>	94.4%

### **Parents Evening**

On Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February 3.15-6pm St. Mary's will hold parents consultations for all year groups. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and also receive your child's interim report. The interim report provides parents with an insight into your child's progress at this midpoint in the academic year. Any parents that are unable to attend parents evening will have the interim reports sent home with your child after the parents evening consultations.

The parents evenings will be face to face in school and parents have been asked to book via the online School Cloud booking system which went live on Wednesday 8th February. If you have had any issues booking an appointment please email [parentcontact@hexhamstmarys.uk](mailto:parentcontact@hexhamstmarys.uk).

### **Mini Vinnies**

We would like to invite our Mini Vinnie volunteers to attend two meetings this half term from 3:00-4:00pm

We will be focusing on our school 'Year Of Mary' mission and how we can turn our concerns into Action.

We would like to invite our Mini Vinnies to the following sessions:

**Monday 6th March 3.00 - 4.00pm**

### **Year 4 Fairtrade Liturgical Prayer**

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 15th February, Year 4 class will hold their class liturgical prayer alongside the rest of the school on the theme of 'Fairtrade'. All parents and carers are invited to join us in the hall for this event which will start at 10am. We ask that parents enter school via the fire exit doors of the hall, the door will be opened at approximately 9.55am.

### **World Book Day - Thursday 2nd February**

On Thursday 2nd February, we will celebrate World Book Day. We invite all children to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Throughout the day they will have a visit from Cogito books, where they will listen to a story and have the opportunity to spend their World Book Day token on a book of their choice.

### **Art Day - Wednesday 1st March**

On Wednesday 1st March, we will celebrate our Arts day with a design and technology focus. The theme for this day will be World Book Day and the children will create a product related to their class storybook. It would be fantastic to have parents join us in the afternoon to support the children in creating their products. Parents will be invited into school to assist your child in their design technology task between 1.30 and 2.30pm. We hope to welcome as many parents and carers as possible!

### **Fairtrade fortnight-Regenerators**

Eco-club are promoting awareness of Fairtrade, they will be hosting an assembly on Monday 27th February to inform their peers about the importance of Fairtrade. We have also been planning how as a school we can take part in Fairtrade fortnight. More information will be released once Eco-club have held their assembly.

### **Safeguarding**

Our e-safety focus in school this month is health, well-being and lifestyle. Throughout this module the children will learn how technology can be a distraction from other everyday things, in both a positive and negative way. Additionally, they will learn to identify situations when it is necessary to limit the amount of time technology is used for. For help, advice and resources for parents/carers please take a look at: <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

### **Tennis Morning**

On Monday 6th March we have a tennis coach visiting school, all children will be involved in tennis workshops throughout the school day. Please can all children attend school that day wearing their P.E kits and bring a suitable waterproof jacket along with a bottle of water.

**Dates for Diary:**

**Please note-Teacher Training Day - Change of Date**

**The Teacher Training Day which was to be held today, will now take place on Friday 17th February. This is in line with the majority of the Hexham Partnership.**

Year 4 whole school Fairtrade Liturgical Prayer in hall	<b>Wednesday 15th February 10am Parents and carers are welcome to attend.</b>
Mini Vinnies	<b>Monday 6th February 3:00-4:00pm Monday 6th March 3.00-4.00pm</b>
Parents' Evening	<b>Monday 13th &amp; Tuesday 14th February 3.15-6pm</b>
School closes for half term	<b>Thursday 16th February</b>
Teacher Training Day	<b>Friday 17th February</b>
School reopens	<b>Monday 27th February</b>
Arts Day Parents invited in PM - timings to be confirmed	<b>Wednesday 1st March</b>
World Book Day Children to dress up as their favourite character	<b>Thursday 2nd March</b>
Tennis Morning All children to attend wearing their school PE kit	<b>Monday 6th March</b>

**Pupil Support & Safeguarding**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs. Oakes

**Deputy Safeguarding Lead:** Miss. Baird

**Assistant safeguarding Lead:** Mrs. Stoves

**SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo:** Mrs Dotchin & Mrs Stoves

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time. You can contact us via the main office (01434 603 791) or by email ([admin@hexhamstmarys.uk](mailto:admin@hexhamstmarys.uk))