



St Mary's R.C. First School Newsletter – Thursday 16th February, 2023



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents that attended our year 4 liturgical prayer on Wednesday this week. The children spoke about the importance of Fairtrade and even had their own superhero 'Fairtrade Felix' on hand to help deliver their message on how we can all support Fairtrade. We have had a number of our St. Mary's prayer intention cards returned to school this week. If you have a member of your family or a 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. There has been a great deal of love in the air at St. Mary's this week. Children have been discussing how to be kind and loving to all people, even if they don't always show love to us in return. In this way we are doing what Jesus asks of us.



It is hard to believe that we have reached half term already! The children have all worked so hard and deserve a well-earned rest, spending time with their family and friends. School re-opens for the children on Monday 27th February.

Wishing you all a lovely half term,

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	Jacob	Mikey	Eabha
Year 1	Esmee	Riley	Luca
Year 2	Ella	Oliver	Jessica
Year 3	Kaylin	Mason	Spike
Year 4	Jack	Lilly	Isaac K

Attendance Ladder



Star attenders this week:

Year: 3

St. Mary's class attendance this week:

<u>Reception</u>	96.7%
<u>Year 1</u>	97.1%
<u>Year 2</u>	96.4%
<u>Year 3</u>	98.8%
<u>Year 4</u>	93.0%

Badge & Value Winners

<u>Class</u>	<u>Badge</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Reception</u>	Frankie H	Freddie
<u>Y1</u>	Luca	Heidi
<u>Y2</u>	Charlie & Parker	Jessica
<u>Y3</u>	Spike	Jenna
<u>Y4</u>	Marshall	Jack

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

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

On Thursday 2nd March, 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.

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:

Teacher Training Day	Friday 17th February
School reopens	Monday 27th February
Arts Day Parents invited in PM - timings to be confirmed	Wednesday 1st March
World Book Day Children to dress up as their favourite character	Thursday 2nd March
Mini Vinnies	Monday 6th March 3.00-4.00pm
Tennis Morning All children to attend wearing their school PE kit	Monday 6th March

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/>

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)