



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter –

Friday 31st March, 2023



[New School Email Address - Info@smfs.bwcet.com](mailto:Info@smfs.bwcet.com)

We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have ended the spring term with another busy week in school as classes took part in their final push on Monday to raise funds for our CAFOD Big Lent Walk. We were blessed with beautiful weather as the whole school did two circuits of Sele Park, the children behaved impeccably and what's more we have smashed our fundraising target of £150 by raising over £700! We can't thank you all enough for all the support and encouragement you have given the school in raising money to help fight extreme global poverty.



On Wednesday, it was lovely to invite so many parents into school for the Easter Bonnet Parade. The children had worked really hard on their wonderful hat creations and thoroughly enjoyed showing off their handiwork! The Easter Fair on Wednesday afternoon was a huge success, thank you to everyone who donated items and attended the fair. A huge thanks also needs to go out to Amber and the parents of the PTA, as well the class teachers and teaching assistants who have worked behind the scenes setting out stalls and supporting the school in getting things ready for the Easter Fair. It was a huge success!

Today, our top value card award and 100% attendance winners celebrated their achievements with a special tea party and golden time. A joyous way to end a fun packed week at the end of another busy term! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and Holy Easter and look forward to seeing all the children on Monday 17th April for the start of the summer term.

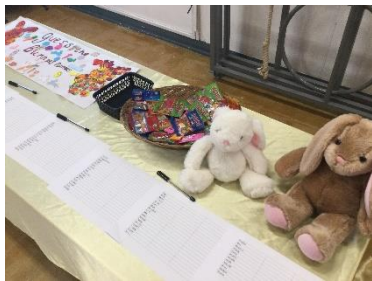
Plant in us Lord,
seeds of love, for you,
for creation
and for all people.

Help us to grow, each day,
to be more like Jesus,
so that our words and our lives,
show people your love.

Amen

Best wishes,

Mrs. Oakes



Arbor migration & pupil lunches

As you are aware after Easter, we will have migrated to using Arbor Education as our new MIS provider. The MIS is a computer system which is used to hold and manage your child's school records. These records include contact details, next of kin, attendance, educational and medical information. Thank you to all parents for returning their updated details to us.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that once children return to school after Easter, a weeks notice will be required for any changes to your child's school lunch. If a child has school dinners/packed lunch on a Monday, they must remain on this for the duration of that school week.

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				Spring Term Overall Value Award Winners 	Spring Term 100% Attendance 
Reception	Lumen	Eabha	Nathan	Nathan Eabha	Dexter, Evie, Beauden, Olivia. C, Frankie. H Rafferty, Eabha, Jacob, Freddie. R Hazel. R, Michael. R, Dani-Skye. Nathan
Year 1	Miya	Riley	Charlotte	Kaciey Frankie	Kohan George

Year 2	Olivia	Ellie	Gabriel	Oliver L Charlie Scarlett	Jax, Corey, Harrison, Marcus, Joe, Parker, Oliver, Bao, Archie, Juliette, Skylar
Year 3	Jenna	Harley	Alex	Freddie S Calum R	Mason D Spencer H Sebastian M Spike N Calum R Freddie S Jenna T
Year 4	George D	Callum	Ronnie	Marshall Charlie P	Harry B Isaac B Oliver B Callum C Marshall C Harry D Tommy M Felix Delilah R Sebby R Sophia T

Attendance Ladder



This week's attendance winners-

Year 2

St. Mary's Class Attendance

This Week:

Reception	99.0%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	99.5%
Year 3	91.2%
Year 4	94.8%

Football Club

Starting after the Easter holidays, year 2 are invited to take part in our football club with Mr Flynn. The club will start on Tuesday 18th April 3-4pm. Please could you ring and let the office know if your child would like to take part. PE / football kit can be brought into school for the children to change into at 3pm.

Dates for Diary:

Please note there will be no extra-curricular clubs running the week beginning the 17th April.

School closes for Easter holidays	Friday 24th March-3.00pm
School reopens for the start of the summer term	Monday 17th April

Safeguarding

Our e-safety focus in school this month is 'Managing Online Information'. Throughout this module the children will learn strategies for effective searching, critical evaluation and ethical publishing. Gaining insight on things like having an awareness that not all opinions online are shared or accepted by others, how to use search technologies safely and how to identify, flag and report inappropriate content. For help, advice and resources for parents/carers please take a look at:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/reliability-online/>

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)