



We love, we learn, we live.




St Mary's R.C. First School Newsletter – 23rd September 2022

It was lovely to meet parents attending our Curriculum Workshops this week to gain more of an insight into the children's learning. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.hexhamstmarys.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps/autumn/> These documents outline the full extent of the curriculum for each year group throughout the autumn term. Our Reception children have been in school full days this week and have enjoyed meeting their year 4 'buddies' today.

With Best Wishes,

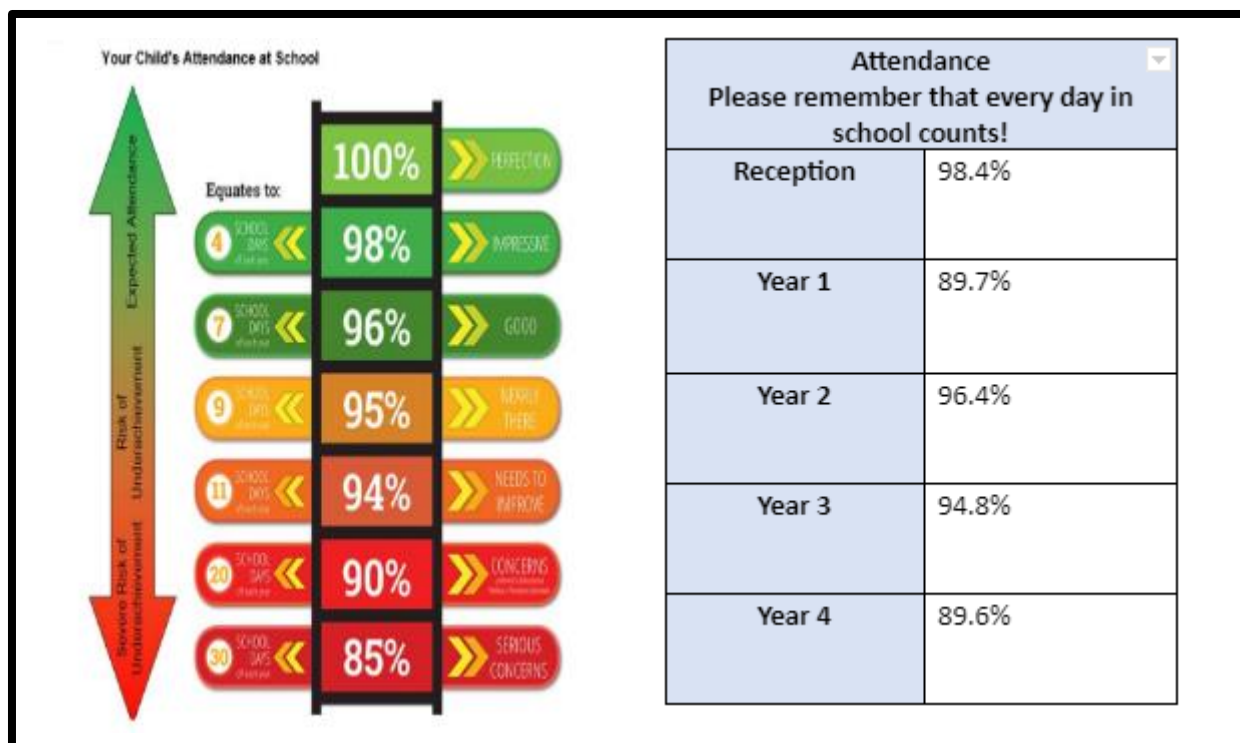
Mrs. Oakes

Mission Statement Value Award Winners:

Class	 <i>We love</i>	 <i>We learn</i>	 <i>We live</i>
Reception	Evie	Austin	Beauden
Year 1	Esmee	Kaicey	Luca
Year 2	Gabriel	Erin	Bao
Year 3	Alex P	Harley V	Ollie A
Year 4	Eliza	Charlie	Felix

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our wonderful children in partnership with their families!

Attendance



KS2 Swimming: **Important Notice**

We have managed to secure an earlier swimming slot for our year 3 & 4 pupils after swimming, we will now return by 3.00pm. We will be walking to the Wentworth Leisure Centre in Hexham so it is advised that pupils always bring a coat with them to school on this day.

Macmillan Cancer Care

Macmillan's Coffee Morning is a big fundraising event to support people living with cancer.

On Friday 30th September St. Mary's is hosting our own Coffee Afternoon and donations raised on the day will be donated to Macmillan. We would like to invite parents to join us next Friday afternoon from 2.30pm onwards in the school hall. Please enter via the Fire Exit door. At 3:00pm parents may leave the hall to collect their children from the usual place and are free to return to the hall to finish any refreshment once you have collected your child. We politely ask that no parents leave the hall and enter the main school for safeguarding purposes. Donations of cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received, children are welcome to bring them with them to school on Friday 30th or parents/carers may drop them off at the main office before the event.

Arts Day

We will be holding our first Arts day on Wednesday 19th October. During Arts Days parents & carers will be invited into school to help support their child with their work and spend some time with your child in class. More information on timings to follow nearer the time.

Parents Evening

Our first parents evenings of the academic year will be on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October from 3.30-6:00pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss with your child's class teacher how your child has settled into the school term. More information on how to book a slot with the relevant class teacher(s) will be sent nearer the time.

Open Days

If you have a child that is due to start Reception In September 2023 you are welcome to attend our Open Days on Friday 30th September and Tuesday 11th October from 9.30-11am. Please contact our school office to book an appointment: 01434 603791.

Cauliflower Cards-Christmas! This term we have decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards again. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school. Your child has been creating his/her own Christmas design which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs. Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see his/her work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the Mugs are great for gifts! Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form which your child will bring home on Monday. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

Each order form must be unique so please do not photocopy the form for other members of your family you can get extra copies from your school.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by: 30.09.22

Mass

Year 2 and Year 3 will be attending Mass in St. Mary's RC Church on Tuesday 4th October. Parents & carers are welcome to attend this event.

Reading Books

All children will be taking home a reading book on Monday 26th September with their new school planners. Please familiarise yourself with the school planners and sign the dated reading log page when you have read with your child. There are useful phonics and spelling pages for you to use and practise with your child. Please ensure that your child brings in their school planner to school everyday as they will also be used for school reading comments and teacher messages. In your reading wallet there will be two school 'Value Cards'. Please fill these in when your child has shown that they are 'loving, learning or living' like Jesus and hand it into the school office. You will be given two cards per half term and they will be shared in our celebration assemblies.

This Week's statement to Live by:

'Our Pilgrimage to Walsingham'



Our prayer focus this week has been based on a Gospel passage chosen to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham on September 24th. Walsingham is a pilgrimage site in honour of Our Lady, who said 'YES' to what God asked of her and who inspires us to listen, trust and say 'YES' to God.

Dates for Diary:

<u>Friday 30th September</u>	Reception - Y4 Flu vaccinations AM MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - 2.30pm in school hall
<u>Friday 30th September</u>	Christmas artwork returned to school-Cauliflower Cards
<u>Tuesday 4th October</u>	Mass for Year 2 & Year 3 in St. Mary's Catholic Church
<u>Tuesday 11th October & Wednesday 12th October</u>	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm - Booking details to follow
<u>Wednesday 19th October</u>	Arts Day-Parents invited into school-Time TBC