



St Mary's R.C. First School Newsletter

14th October 2022



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a bright start to the week wearing yellow for World Mental Health Day. We discussed with the children what is meant by mental health and discussed ways in which we can look after our own mental health. In RE this week each class explored Judaism, learning about the Jewish holy book called The Torah and where Jews go to worship. Following on from Space Week last week, we were lucky enough to be visited by two astronomers from Kielder Observatory. Children took part in a variety of workshops including space rocks, the solar system & investigating light. The children impressed the astronomers with their space knowledge and fantastic questions!

With best wishes,

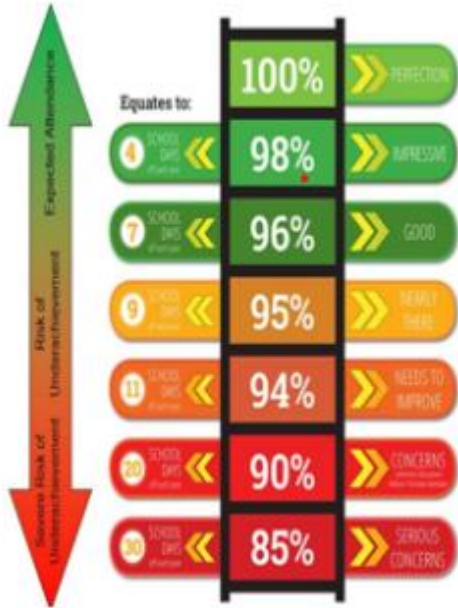
Mrs. Oakes

Mission Statement Value Award Winners:

Class	 <i>We love</i>	 <i>We learn</i>	 <i>We live</i>
Reception	Lumen	Jacob	Nyla
Year 1	Charlotte	George	Miya
Year 2	Olivia	Ellie	Jax
Year 3	Nils B	Jenna	Freddie S
Year 4	Marshall	Sophia	Damir

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

Your Child's Attendance at School



Attendance Please remember that every day in school counts!	
<u>Reception</u>	87.6%
<u>Year 1</u>	97.8%
<u>Year 2</u>	87.3%
<u>Year 3</u>	92.4%
<u>Year 4</u>	95.9%

Statement to Live By:

Be faithful in Prayer



Through explorations of the parable of 'The Persistent Widow' and the fable of 'The Tortoise and the Hare', children will learn that not giving up on prayer leads to a deeper relationship with God. God invites us to talk and listen to Him, because He longs to answer our prayers.

Application for Middle School

If your child is due to transfer to Middle School in September 2023, you must apply for a place before 31st October. Please follow the link below.

[.School admissions, places & appeals](#)

Cold weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing including a warm coat with a hood.

Reception Welcome Mass

On Tuesday 18th October we will be celebrating the beginning of our Reception children's school journey. The Welcome Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church at 9:30am. We would like to invite all parents and carers to this event.

Harvest Festival Arts Day

Please provide your child with an apron/old shirt to protect their uniform from paint etc.

On Wednesday 19th October, our children will take part in their first Arts day for this school year to celebrate the Harvest Festival. We would be grateful for any tinned/dried food donations to add to our whole school rainbow. The food will be donated to a local food bank.

Please find the class colours below:

Reception – Red

Year One – Orange

Year Two – Yellow

Year Three – Green

Year Four - Blue

We would also like to invite parents and carers to join us in the afternoon for our Arts day. Parents will spend time with their child in their child's classroom, supporting them with their art activity. School will be open to parents from 1:15pm and we ask that all parents depart school at 2pm. We look forward to sharing our Arts day with you all.

Pumpkin Disco.

The PTA will be holding a Pumpkin Disco on Wednesday 19th October. This will be from 3.15 - 4.30pm. It is £3.00 per ticket, this will need to be sent into school in a sealed, named envelope. Children should attend school on Wednesday in school uniform bringing their disco outfit with them in a named bag. Home clothes or fancy dress if you wish, but can we politely ask that there are no masks.

Skipping Festival

Year 4 have been invited to take part in a skipping festival at Wentworth Leisure Centre on Thursday 22nd November. All pupils have received a letter outlining the details of the festival. If you would like your child to participate there is a fee of £5 which can be paid via Weduc or the school office. If you have any concerns regarding payment, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Christmas Performance

On Thursday 15th December we will be visiting the Queen's Hall in Hexham to watch the performance of 'The Wind in the Willows'. This is a special Christmas treat for our children and will strengthen our community links, helping us work towards achieving our Artsmark award. The production will begin at 10am and the children will return back to school in time for lunch. There is a cost of £12.00 for this trip which can be paid in two instalments, **1st payment £6.00 due before 1.11.22 and 2nd & final payment of £6.50 due before 1.12.22.**

Ear Piercings

If your child has ear studs that can't be removed, can we please ensure that they have the clear, anti - allergy rubber studs in. Otherwise, they unfortunately can't take part in their P.E lesson.

Armistice Day

At 10.45am on Friday 11th November, Year 3 will be holding a liturgical prayer in the school hall to mark the end of the fighting of the First World War. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this event.

Teacher training Day

A reminder that Friday 21st October is a teacher training day and school will be closed to children on this day.

Vacancies

We have vacancies across both schools which are advertised on the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust website. Full details of the vacancies and how to apply can be found on <http://bwcet.com/vacancies>

Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. This includes dogs or puppies being carried.

Dates for Diary:

Tuesday 18th October	Reception Welcome Mass In Church 9:30am
Wednesday 19th October	Arts Day-Parents invited into school-1.15-2.00pm Pumpkin Disco 3.15-4.30
Friday 21st October	Teacher training Day
Friday 11th November	Year 3 Remembrance Day Liturgical Prayer in hall 10.45am - Parents invited
Tuesday 15th November	Mass for years 1 & 4 in St. Mary's Church 9.30am Parents and carers invited to attend.
Friday 18th November	Children In Need Day - More information to follow
Tuesday 22nd November	Year 4 Skipping Festival
Thursday 15th December	Queens Hall performance- Wind in the Willows