



St Mary's R.C. First School Newsletter – Friday 18th November, 2022



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school has been Anti-Bullying week and Road Safety Week. As part of Anti-Bullying week we discussed how the children can come together and 'reach out' to stop bullying. All children have been reminded about who they can talk to if they are worried or have concerns. Each class has also been given a 'Let's Talk' box in which children can write down and post into the box anything that is troubling them.

We ended the week covered in spots as we supported Children In Need with our 'spotacular' bake sale and Pudsey related class activities. We have discussed the importance of raising money for others and how the money raised will be used to support the local and wider communities. Thank you to everyone who donated money and or baked goods. Just a reminder that this evening, Hexham Culture Network on behalf of Hexham High Streets Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) and led by Queen's Hall Arts are once again inviting you to come together outside after dark to celebrate community, music and light. Hexham lantern Parade is a free event, just bring a lantern or simply join for the spectacle tonight-Friday 18 November, 6pm (Gather by Molly Moo's on St Mary's Chare).

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Oakes

We have raised £145 today



Mission Statement Value

Class			
Reception	Dexter	Jacob	Hazel
Year 1	Phoebe	Luca	Esmee
Year 2	Bao	Archie	Juliette
Year 3	Tyler	Ariella	Freddie H
Year 4	Felix	Oliver	Spencer



Attendance
Please remember that every day in school counts!

<u>Reception</u>	94.3%
<u>Year 1</u>	94.1%
<u>Year 2</u>	93.6%
<u>Year 3</u>	98.4%
<u>Year 4</u>	86.3%

Application for First & Primary Schools: Applications for St Mary's RC First School, and other Northumberland First & Primary schools, are managed by the admissions team at Northumberland County Council. Online Admissions Portal for First and Primary school admissions will be open on the 1st of November 2022.

https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

The deadline for your child's first & Primary school place is 15th January 2023.

Dogs

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This includes small dogs being carried.

PTA

The PTA will be collecting for the class coloured hampers again this year. Any donations of the following colours would be greatly appreciated, please bring them to the school office. This will be drawn during the Christmas Crafts event on 9th December.

RECEPTION	Yellow/Gold
Y1	White/Silver
Y2	Red
Y3	Green
Y4	Purple

Year 4 Visit to Queen's Hall

Year 4 had a fantastic time at the Queen's hall on Wednesday. The children enjoyed creating their own lanterns which can be used in the Hexham Lantern Parade on Friday evening. The children had a tour of the Queen's Hall with the Artistic director and were lucky enough to meet the cast for the 'Wind in the Willows' performance, which we will all be watching in December. Please enjoy our photos!



Mini Vinnies

Just a reminder that our first Mini Vinnies meeting will take place after school on Wednesday 23rd November finishing at 4pm. Subsequent dates for the following meetings are the 30th November and the 7th December. If you would like your child to attend please inform the office.

Skipping Festival

On Tuesday 22nd November some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils are taking part in the Skipping Festival at Wentworth Leisure Centre. The skipping festival aims to increase social interaction with others from different schools whilst having fun and raising well-being and self-esteem.

Film Night & Christmas Dinner Day - Wednesday 14th December

Christmas dinner day for the children will be on Wednesday 14th. More details to follow nearer the time. The PTA are hosting a film night from 3pm-4.45pm on 14th December where the children will be watching the Christmas film 'The Polar Express'. The tickets will be £3.00, if your child would like to attend then can we ask that you bring the money to the school office in a sealed, named envelope so the PTA can keep a record.

Christmas Theatre Visit

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 £12.50 for this trip which can be paid in instalments on the Weduc app. Just a reminder that the final payment of £12.50 needs to be paid **before** 1st December.

Junior Parkrun - Tyne Green



We are excited to announce that Hexham will launch its own Junior Parkrun on Sunday 27th November at 9am on Tyne Green. The running event is a great way to keep fit and active in the fresh air. It's just for children aged 4 to 14 years old and is a free, fun and friendly 2 kilometre course. It costs nothing to join in the fun but please register before you come along to get a scannable barcode at parkrun.com. It's not a competition - the aim is to have fun so come along and run at your own pace. Mrs Hunneysett will be there as part of the team of volunteers to cheer you on so tie up those trainers and get down! What better reason could you need to get up early on a Sunday?

Dates for Diary:

Tuesday 22nd November	Year 4 Skipping Festival
Wednesday 23rd November	Mini Vinnies meeting 3-4pm
Wednesday 30th November	Arts Day Parents are invited into school 1.30pm Mini Vinnies meeting 3-4pm
Wednesday 7th December	Mini Vinnies meeting 3-4pm
Friday 9th December	Santa Dash & Christmas Jumper Day PTA Christmas Craft Fayre 3:10pm (School Hall)
Monday 12th December	Christmas Nativity -1.30pm School Hall
Tuesday 13th December	Christingle-9.30am St. Mary's Church Christmas Nativity -1.30pm School Hall
Wednesday 14th December	Class Advent Liturgical Prayer (Parents/carers invited) Time TBC School Christmas Dinner Day PTA Christmas Film Night (Polar Express)
Thursday 15th December	Queens Hall performance- Wind in the Willows
Tuesday 20th December	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 21st December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party