

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 25.03	Year 5 Bikeability
Tue 26.03	Year 5 Bikeability
Mon 08.04	Start of Science Week
Mon 8.04	FS trip to Whirlow Hall farm
Mon 8.04	Sponsored run at St Bernard's-4-4.45pm
Tue 9.04	Year 1 and 2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wed 10.04	Year 5 leave for residential - Kingswood
Thu 11.04	Learning community performance of 'Noah'-details to follow
Fri 12.04	Year 5 return from residential
Tues 16.04	Parents evening 2-7pm
Tue 16.04	Choir to Woodlands Hospital
Thu 18.04	Break up for Easter-2pm
Mon29.04	Return to school

Attendance

Time Frame	FS	Y 1	Y 2	Y 3	Y 4	Y 5	Y 6	Total
11.3.2019 - 15.3.2019	89%	96%	92%	87%	95%	97%	94%	93%

Well done class 5!

Star Awards

FS – Evelyn for fantastic independent writing.

Evamaria for independent sequencing numbers 11-20.

Y1 – Robert for trying really hard with his writing.

Jacqueline for always putting 100% into her work.

Y2 – Harriet for always being so helpful in class.

Joseph for working so hard on his reading.

Y3 – Nella for showing great kindness towards others.

Joshua for always contributing in class and having fantastic manners.

Y4 – Sarah for being so creative in her every day work.

Zara for always being so polite and well mannered.

Y5 –Claudia for being an amazing Scientist.

Sam D for being this weeks 'always' child.

Y6 – Olivia and Summer for their fantastic newspaper report.

Sporting Achievement Award-Y5/6 football team for their hardwork and determination in representing Rotherham United at the district finals. Well done to George, Owen, Michael, Tom R, Henry, Sam D, Noah and Thomas G.

Play leader Award -Amelia in Y6 for being so helpful with all children.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School 22.03.2019

Designated Safeguarding Lead-Mr D Redfern (Head Teacher)

Child Protection Officer-Miss S Brown (SENDCO)

Child Protection Officer-Mrs J Brailsford (Learning Mentor)

Child Protection Officer-Mrs L Veal (Learning Mentor)

Child Protection Governor-Mr A Veal

PREVENT Duty Lead-Mr Redfern

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Living Lent

This Sunday the gospel will focus on Luke's words:

One day Jesus told the people this story: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard which was taking up space and not producing fruit. So he said to the gardener, 'For years I have been coming to look for fruit on this tree and finding none. Let's chop it down!' The gardener replied, 'Sir, let's leave it for another year. I'll help it to grow and produce fruit.'"

Lent is a time of change and each new day is an opportunity for us to change. God has 'planted' us on this earth to produce the good fruits of love, joy and kindness in our lives. Jesus helps us to keep growing in faith and goodness- to change the world and make it a better place.



Important reminder- CAFOD Sponsored Run- Monday 8th April at St. Bernard's starting at 4:00- approximate finish time 4:45. Families are welcome to join us, however staff will be available to walk children to St Bernard's if parents are busy.

Thanks
Mrs Slack



E-Boutique News-After Mother's Day mass on Friday 29.3.19 (around 10.15am) we would like to invite everyone over to our school hall to join with us to celebrate Mother's Day. There will be tea and coffee served along with the option to purchase some delicious home-made buns. Proceeds from this fundraising event will be given to the Good Shepherd fund. You are very welcome to collect your children from their classroom to enjoy this special occasion together.

Also, E-Boutique have been busy creating some wonderful hand-made gifts for Mother's Day and they will have a stall set up in the hall. If you are unable to attend but would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase something then we will arrange for them to visit the hall with an adult in school. Please send any money for them to purchase in an envelope with their name and year group on.

As always we are extremely grateful for the generosity and kindness shown by our parents in supporting Good Shepherd and E-Boutique who raise funds for school and local charities.

Thank you.
Mrs Baeza

Parents contacting school- We would politely ask that all parents direct any email correspondence to the office email address at the top of this newsletter. Due to GDPR regulations, please do not send any school related emails to individual staff members. Staff members have been informed that they must not open any emails sent to them from parents regarding any school business, positive or negative.

Staff on the Yard- Teachers have been reminded that they should come onto the yard in the morning to collect their class when the bell goes or, if, on the rare exception, they are unable to, a teaching assistant should collect the class. This gives parents the opportunity to pass on brief notes and messages to the staff member.

A letter from a parishioner regarding our recent Ash Wednesday mass:

Dear Mr Redfern,

I went to Mass on Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Church where I have been a parishioner for many years. I felt I had to contact you to congratulate everyone at the school - Headteacher, staff and children, for helping to make it such a lovely Mass. The behaviour and demeanour of all the children was excellent and the whole service was enlivened by the children's beautiful singing and bidding prayers. I was asked to be a Eucharistic minister at the Mass and was very impressed again by the reverence of all the children receiving Communion or a blessing. I was also struck by the maturity of the three children who helped to distribute the ashes, a great responsibility and one that carried out really well.

Having spent my entire teaching career in Catholic schools I know how much care, attention and hard work goes into a whole school 'event' such as this so congratulations again. Please let the staff and children know how much their presence in church is welcomed and how much the parishioners enjoy seeing them there.

I was also present at the service at the Immaculate Conception in the week of Christian Unity in January and a small group of children came to lead us in the singing. There were people there from a number of different denominations and they were all immensely impressed by the children and the 'smiles' they brought to the service. It is the only one of the Christian Unity services in Rotherham where any children are seen and the impact it has is immeasurable.

Calculation Policy-St Mary's has a calculation policy which gives parents important and useful guidance regarding how we teach the four rules:

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This policy will help parents when they are working with children at home. The policy is on the school website under 'More' and 'Policies'.

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