



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME The Catholic children in Y4 came to their 3rd Workshop with parents/carers on Wednesday this week. A reminder that there is one more session on the 8th May (6.30pm), when we will finish the workbooks and discuss the practicalities for the actual celebration of First Holy Communion on Sunday 19th May (11am) at St Mary's Church.



CAFOD COLLECTION BOXES Most of these boxes, filled very generously with spare coins, have now been returned. Thank you to everyone who contributed. If you want to send in any remaining boxes after the holidays we will of course be happy to receive them.

THE PASSION (Y5) Y5 did a brilliant job this afternoon, presenting the serious story of the final hours of Jesus, before his crucifixion. Thank you Y5, and of course Miss Goulden and Mr Parkinson.



LENT CHARITIES (CAFOD & GOOD SHEPHERD) As always the children have done us proud in the efforts they have made to travel through Lent fulfilling the obligation to Pray, Give Alms and Fast. We do not yet have a total for the money raised, but we know this will probably be over £700. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS The children in Y6 led the whole of KS2 in a reflection on the last journey of Jesus to his death on Tuesday afternoon this week. It was a very prayerful and thoughtful liturgy which all the children seemed to value.

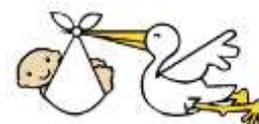
HOLY WEEK Fr Martin and Deacon Walsh would be delighted to see you at any of the Masses and Liturgies during Holy Week.

SOUP & BREAD LUNCH The children in Y5 and Y6 gave up their normal lunchtime meal on Thursday 4th April and instead ate a bowl of soup and some bread. They made donations towards our Lent charities for the privilege. As you can see, they didn't suffer too much!



AU REVOIR! We have said goodbye to **Mrs Beevers** today, as she takes the exciting step of moving to France to settle. She has worked at St Mary's for 8½ years and has been a very reliable, confident and competent teacher, who is much

loved by staff, parents and pupils. We will of course miss her and wish her every good fortune in the future. **Mrs Roe** is also leaving us today, to go on maternity leave. We will think of her over the next month or so and will of course expect her to bring the new arrival into school sometime in the Summer.



SATs SEASON It is that time of year! Statutory assessments for Y6 will take place in the week commencing 13th May. The children will all have lots of revision and homework tasks given to them for the Easter holiday and it would be great if parents could make sure the children complete these to help them stay exam focussed and ready to do their 100% best when they sit in front of those papers. Thank you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY This event is still a long way off (**15th June, 7pm**) but we wanted to ask you to put it in your diary please! The children in our Choir will be singing a couple of special songs during a performance by the Bradford-based choir, **CHORDIALITY** at St Mary's Church.



Mr Brennan is one of the members of this Choir so he will also be singing!! Tickets will be £7 each and will be available from school and Church after Easter.

OFFICE REMINDER We have a running school debt at the moment of around £350, which is due to people not paying for School Dinners/HOH fees in advance. In many cases the debts are very small of course, but they add up to quite a lot altogether. This debt has to be covered by the school budget, which is very tight. In effect, parents who pay on time and those who send their children with packed lunches are subsidising those whose parents are not paying. If you receive a text asking you to settle a debt, please do so immediately and please don't be cross with the office staff, who are in the end only following school policy. Thank you.

CLASS	Attendance 25/3/19 – 5/4/19
REC	98.1
1/2D	92.7
1/2HB	95.1
2M	99.2
3/4R	94.3
3/4B	99.1
4V	92.9
5G	96.0
5P	98.2
6L	96.8
6C	94.3
School Average	96.1%

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS Well done to all those classes above our School Target of 97% and especially **Mr Morley's class, who have achieved the highest attendance rate in our last 3 newsletters!!!**

Mr Morley's class have received some added playtime this week as a small reward for having the best attendance figures for this half term.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS St Luke's House accumulated the most Reward Point marbles this term and they enjoyed an Ice-cream van visit on Thursday as their reward.

DANGER WEEK During the first week back after Easter children will be catching up with some of the 'out of the box' activities they are



allocated within our Danger Curriculum. Depending what year group they are in, they will be throwing and catching eggs, washing cars, holding a spider, arranging flowers, bare foot walking outside, laying a table, baking bread, sewing their name, polishing shoes, creating a radio podcast, having a water fight and ironing a T-shirt! They won't be swimming with sharks though!



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL VACANCY (£9 per hr. 6hrs 40 mins pw) Anyone interested in this role (on Arden Road) should contact school or carolyn.miles@calderdale.gov.uk

SPORT Our Netball & Gymnastics and Hockey squads have been in action over this half-term in various tournaments and matches. There have been several great results from their encounters and we are very proud of them for representing the school so well!

HOLIDAYS

We break today for a two week holiday over Easter. The children will return to school – hopefully well rested – on Monday 29th April for an 8.55 am start.



Mr Brennan, the Governors and all the staff wish you and your families a very happy, holy and peaceful Easter – when it eventually arrives!