



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CHARITY DONATIONS Just before the holidays we sent two very large cheques to the charities we supported during Lent. CAFOD received **£900** which is enough to support three Medical Outreach Teams for a year. We also handed Bishop Marcus a cheque for **£800** for Catholic Care, who provide support to vulnerable families in need throughout Yorkshire.

VIRTUE FOCUS THIS HALF-TERM We are focussing on the virtue of **HOPE** for the next few weeks.....

You know that when life gets hard you don't give up but carry on hoping that things will get better. You dream of a better world or something better that will come in the future. You live for something greater than yourself. Your hope drives out selfishness and boredom and encourages you to engage with your community and do good works. You trust that God is at work moving the world towards what is good.



CHORDIALITY & FRIENDS (15th June, 7pm) Featuring our Choir!! Mr Brennan is one of the members of this Choir so he will also be singing (rumour has it – perhaps even a few lines on his own!!!!) The event will be in aid of the Church Heating Fund and will be a celebration of the music of America. Tickets are on sale via the parish and through school at **£7** each. This includes coffee and Tea in the interval. Tickets have started going out fast now, so please make sure you buy now!

GOODBYE Mr Chapman, who has worked at St Mary's for nearly 7 years will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term as he moves to Holy Trinity CofE Primary Academy (our neighbours) as their new Deputy Headteacher in September 2019. We are of course sad to see him go and will miss him in September, but we are also very proud to be sending one of our members of staff, who came to us as a newly qualified teacher, on to greater things and a well-deserved promotion. We wish him lots of luck and happiness in his new role!

Mrs Harrington-Bromwich will also be leaving us at the end of the Summer, as she has secured a new role in a school much nearer to where she will soon be living in Pontefract. Mrs Harrington-Bromwich joined us at the same time as Mr Chapman as a newly qualified teacher in 2012 and leaves us as our KS1 Leader. We will miss her in September very much, but wish her lots of joy and many more opportunities in her next career move.

We will also be saying good bye to **Mrs Vickers** (4V) at the end of this term. She has been covering for the absence of our previous Deputy Headteacher, Mr Tomkinson all year and we are very grateful to her for the work she has done for us and wish her every success and happiness in her next role.

NEW APPOINTMENTS The Governors and Mr Brennan have been very busy over the last few weeks making sure we have all the teachers and support staff we need in place for September. There will be a quite unusual degree of turnover of staff this year, due to promotions, house moves and maternity leave absences but with the experienced staff we have already in place to support the 'newbies' we are confident pupils and parents will not see too much of a difference in the high standards of provision we



always try to have in place. Before the half-term holiday we appointed four teachers – Mr Patrick Smith, Miss Aisling Malone, Mr Thomas Lambert and Mrs Nina l’Anson. We will let you know which classes they are teaching as soon as we know! ☺

MULTIPLICATION TABLES Y4 parents may be aware that children will be sitting the online Multiplication Check during June. Although not compulsory this year, next year it becomes statutory, so we wanted to give the children the chance to experience them. The check is done online and takes about 10 minutes at the most. These results will be available to the school for internal use, and won’t be published. You can help your child make the best of this process by testing them on their multiplication tables at home. Thank you.

PHONICS The children in Y1 and some in Y2 will be doing a phonics check over the next week or so. We ask parents to help children to do their best on this check by doing any homework with them, that is sent home and by giving them lots of praise, early bedtimes and good breakfasts. Thank you.

SLEEPOVER The children in Y2 will be having a special evening of activities on Friday after school has closed. They will be exploring the grounds and playing some nice games together. They will then be watching a film. Then some of them will be staying in school for a sleepover in the Staffroom!!! How exciting it that! Thank you to Mrs Dyson, Mr Morley and Mrs Harrington-Bromwich for ‘volunteering’ to stay with them. They are heroes!



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO KESWICK Most of our wonderful Y6 children had a fantastic week in the Lake District just before the holiday. The weather was very kind to them and they were a credit to the school and their parents with their excellent behaviour.



We had some children stay behind this year for various reasons and we are very keen to make sure they are aware that we were very proud of their attitude and behaviour during the week. They had lots of nice things to do, including bowling, a forest school day, a visit to McDonalds and a baking session. They were fantastic!

CLASS	Attendance 13/5/19 – 24/5/19
REC	97.8
1/2D	98.0
1/2HB	99.0
2M	99.2
3/4BV	95.7
3/4S	93.6
4V	97.2
5G	96.5
5P	97.5
6L	100
6C	98.5
School Average	97.6%

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS Well done to all those classes above our School Target of 97% and especially **Mrs Land’s** class, who have achieved 100%.

We are monitoring attendance even more closely over this half-term, with a prize planned for the class that does the best.

NETBALL TEAM SUCCESS Congratulations to our Netball team, who represented the school so admirably on Wednesday this week. They won the tournament at Crossley School and will be playing in the Calderdale Finals very soon.



SUMMER SCHOOL Mrs Smith (Hang Out Hub Manager) has generously agreed to run another Summer School Club for pupils of St Mary’s in the first week of the Summer holidays (22nd – 26th July 2019) 9am – 3pm. The places we have



available are limited to 30, so please book asap to avoid disappointment. During the week the children will do a visit to Electric Bowl and to the cinema. They will also be pond dipping, den making and even enjoying a camp fire! The charge is £15 per day or £60 for the full 5 days. You can book online through the School Money app and get more details from the office. **Please note:**

If you are using the App there is a specific payment option for the whole week (all 5 days). There is also an option to book each separate day. ‘Instalment 1’ is for the Monday, ‘Instalment 2’ is for the Tuesday etc.

Y6 LEAVERS DISCO 9th July (6pm – 8pm) The PTFA are organising this annual event with the staff at school, as a treat for the Y6 children as they leave us for pastures new. There will be a photo booth, tuck shop and a DJ. All Y6 children are invited. **Book on School Money - £3.**

SPORTS DAY Please be aware that our Sports Day this year is on **Monday 24th June** (KS2 am & KS1 pm). We will keep a reserve day (in case the first is cancelled) of Tuesday 2nd July.