



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

A Community Where we Live, Learn and Laugh Together in God's Love

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ACADEMY CONVERSION We held a Consultation Evening before the holiday regarding this initiative and for those who were not able to be there we have placed a link to the Powerpoint that was presented on the front page of the school website.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019-20 All Catholic children currently in Y6 (and above) are eligible to be confirmed in their faith by the Bishop of Leeds on **5th February 2020**. The next workshop for both parents and children will take place in school on Tuesday 12th November at 6.30pm and then again on the 26th November at the same time.

NATIVITY PERFORMANCE Our KS1 and Foundation Stage children will be presenting us with the timeless story of the birth of Jesus on Thursday 12th December at 2pm. All parents and friends of our school are very welcome to join us!!

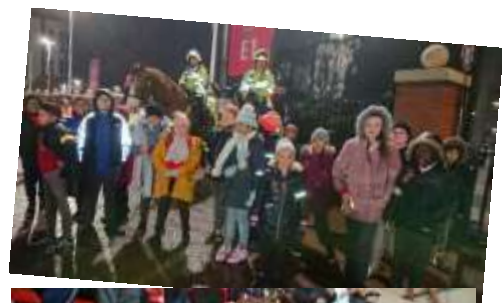
FIRST CONFESSION PROGRAMME 2020 (Y3s) We will send parents of Catholic children in Y3 all the details regarding the First Confessions Programme before Christmas, but please put the 15th January (6.30pm) in your diaries now. This will be the first meeting for parents and children.

OPEN DAY (Thursday 21st November) Our school will be open 9.30am - 12.00pm and 1.15pm – 3.15pm on this day. All prospective parents (especially those whose children are due to start school in September 2020) are encouraged to come along for a guided tour of the school with our Headteacher (Mr Brennan) and Deputy Headteacher (Mr Brown) lasting about 30 minutes. There are no fixed appointments – just turn up at your convenience.



BE KIND WEEK We will be marking National Anti-Bullying Week next week with work in every class around the more positive theme of 'Be Kind'.

FABULOUS FOOTBALL TRIP On Thursday this week 20 children enjoyed a very exciting evening watching Manchester United play FK Partizan in the second leg of their Europa League tie at Old Trafford!!!! The children selected to come with us were so excited and loved every minute, even though we didn't get back to school until nearly midnight!!



WAKEFIELD LADIES – PITCH INVASION Children in our Girls Footy Team will be the Mascots for the Wakefield Ladies team on Sunday this weekend. They will be walking onto the pitch at the beginning of the game. How exciting is that!!!?



PTFA

- **INTRODUCTION TO PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID** Thursday 21st November (£5 donation per person – Adults only) 6pm to 7.30pm. One of our new Parent Governors (Mr Ed Jones) has kindly offered to share his expertise/knowledge as a professional paramedic with any parents interested in knowing how to help children of School age if they need emergency first aid. The money raised will go to our PTFA funds. There are only **18** places available for this course. **(NB: This is not a certified course) IF YOU ARE WANTING A PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY EMAIL OR PHONE OR SEND US A NOTE.**
- The first Joint Film Night went very well before the holiday. The next one will be for both KS1 and KS2 on 29th November. There will be a Non-Uniform Day on this day, and we ask children to bring items for a 'Luxury Christmas Hamper as payment. Details to follow.
- Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 6th December (3.30pm to 5.30pm). Please join us and help raise funds for the school.

YEAR 5 & 6 INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM TRIPS Our oldest children have been spending some very interesting time down at the Halifax Industrial Museum over the last few weeks, in order to help them further understand their topic on the History of Halifax. We have been complemented on the behaviour and outstanding attitude and politeness shown by the children on all our visits. Nice to hear!

FOREST SCHOOL More fantastic photos from our most recent Forest School sessions, accessed by all the children in school on a fortnightly rota, are going down very well indeed! A big thank you to Mrs Brown (Lead Instructor) and of course all the Teaching Assistants who have been going out with the children in all weathers!



We are about to send out invitations to parents in several classes to join us for some Forest School sessions so that you can see what your children are getting up to, and why they get so muddy!! Sorry!!



BEFORE



AFTER

MR PARKINSON HAS LOST HIS HAIR!!! We are very proud of Mr Parkinson, who agreed to have all his hair trimmed in aid of Prostate Cancer UK, just before the holiday. At this point he has raised **£1,229!!** The link is still open for another week or so, and it would be great to build on this already impressive total if you are able to contribute. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joshua-parkinson>