



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FIRST CONFESSION PROGRAMME 2020 (Y3s) The next First Confessions meeting is at school on Wednesday 29th January - 6pm.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME (Y6) A reminder that the rehearsal is on **Tuesday 28th January at St Mary's Catholic Church at 7pm**. It is important that all candidates are there, so they can be fully prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 5th February at 7pm.

PRAYERS We ask for your continued prayers for two children in our school, and for their Mum and the rest of the family. Their Dad's funeral took place today and we are sure you will want to join us in offering our sincere condolences.

WHOLE SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY Thank you to all those people who have so far completed the survey we sent out two week's ago. We have only had 14 returned out of 229 that were sent out, so it would be great to get a few more in. If you prefer, you can complete a shortened version online through the link on the website or via this link..... <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GXPVTNZ>



TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS All KS2 children have been given passwords to access this website at home, where they can practice their timetables. We will be organising a School Tournament this term so now is the time to get your brains working perfectly!
LINK: <https://trockstars.com/>



NEW ANTI-PARKING ROAD SIGNS Our PTFA have very kindly purchased 6 road signs for us to put outside school on a regular basis to discourage drivers from parking on the double yellow lines and dropping children off straight outside school. We hope all parents will support this initiative which only has one aim –

TO ENSURE OUR CHILDREN ARE SAFER

MOBILE PHONES Mr Brennan would like to remind all parents that children are not allowed mobile phones in school. The only exception is in Y6 where, if they are walking home on their own they can leave a phone with their teacher or the school office in the morning, to be collected at the end of the day.

'TIKTOK' WARNING!! We have been made aware of some risks around allowing children younger than 13 to have access to this social media sight. Without significant supervision from adults and the application of privacy settings we are advised that this website is open to abuse and potentially online grooming. We strongly suggest that children should not be allowed to use it.

ICE PLANET PARENT WORKSHOP A fun time was had by all those who attended the latest Y3/4 Workshop for children and parents on Wednesday last week. The children produced some super landscapes to take home.



BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE SCHOOL Mr Brennan would like to remind parents that when their child is possibly experiencing relationship issues with other children in school it is advisable to speak to school and to allow us to deal with the situation, rather than them feeling they need to speak to other parents themselves. In our experience this is always the best way to sort problems out. Thank you.

Y6 AND FS WEIGHT AND HEIGHT CHECKS A letter has been sent to parents to inform you that the School Nursing Team will be in school on Tuesday the 4th February to do their routine assessments for these year groups.

AMPLEFORTH 11th – 13th March (Y5) Our Y5 children will soon be off on their Retreat experience in North Yorkshire. They will be doing some nice walks and visiting the swimming pool, as well as spending time thinking about their time in St Mary's to date and the manner in which they will approach the challenges of Y6 from September. We believe nearly all the children will be going, but Mr Brennan would like to remind parents that if your child is not going they are still expected to attend school as normal while their friends are away. As you can see.... Last year's Y5's certainly enjoyed themselves!



FOREST SCHOOL We continue to see great results from the children and great feedback from lots of parents about Forest School sessions. The only thing we really would like to improve on, is the clothing that some children continue to wear for these sessions. Please make sure your child has 'rough' clothes, a good rain coat and lots of layers – **A cold, wet, dirty child is not a happy one!**



CLASS	Attendance 6/1/20 – 20/1/20
REC	96.5
1D	94.3
2/1AM	98.8
2/1JM	94.5
4/3PS	95.6
4/3JS	98.3
3R	98.4
5BV	93.9
5P	96.4
6W	98.6
6G	97.6
School Average	96.6%

ATTENDANCE The best attenders over the last two weeks were Miss Malone's class. WELL DONE!! It is also great to see 5 classes over the School Target of 97%. Thank you for your efforts!

WHOLE SCHOOL FILM NIGHT (7th February) Our PTFA have organised this fundraising event and letters have gone out. Please book your child's place through 'School Money'.

ON THIS DAY *We had a little extra space in this Newsletter so we thought we would share some more items from our School Logs, dating back to 1846.*

Sept 13th 1973... *"The school was broken into over the weekend - A great deal of damage had been done. Approx. £130 worth of stock and books were stolen or*

damaged.... Police informed"

March 26th 1917.. *"All children dismissed for the afternoon - Due to no coke delivery"*