

St Mary's News

First Reconciliation

Fr Eamonn came into school this week and celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation with the group who have been preparing since before the March lockdown last year. The children were understandably nervous but all did ever so well. Congratulations to: Kara Coop, Alana Firth, Leighton Marshall Howarth, Patrick O'Brien, Zuza Soltysiak, Charlie Walker, Riley Hinchcliffe, Lily Jagger and Darcie Warren-Gott.

Star of the Week and Superkids

Certificates are awarded to children who have stood out each week. It might be for kindness, behaviour, effort, determination or particular pieces of work.

Class 1: Lacie-Mae Drain, Innayah Aswat, Harrisson O'Sullivan and Caiden McCann.

Class 2: Bella Wilkinson and Peyton Hall

Class 4: Sam Thorpe and Aleena Anjum

Class 5: Luke Johnson and Arnoldas Vilcinskas

Class 6: Alexa Sharif and De-Andre Monteiro

Class 7: Brooke Wilkinson and Milosz Korytko

Class 8: Tyson Seidi and Charlie Walker

Class 9: All of the class and Zak Newsome-Brennan

Class 10: Miley Kelly and Kaspian Pac

Class 11: Jack Murphy and Lewis Howard

Miss Liversidge: Lailia-Mai Child

Fitness initiatives

As you know we have a lovely new running track which is 200m in length. The children are using this everyday either in planned class sessions, PE lessons or during lunch and playtime breaks. Coach Nikki has set up a map of the UK in the hall and the children are aiming as a class to walk from Batley to Big Ben in the first instance and then to other places within the UK. Once this challenge has been completed we will move on to a map of Europe. The children are really engaging in this and we will document in each newsletter how many laps and therefore km each class has walked. I know Class 11 have walked (or run) 41.6 miles or 66.56km this morning alone.

Coach Nikki has also set up a cross country course of 350m. During PE each child will complete 3 laps and their times measured for progress. There will be medals at the end of the half term for each class.

Changes to morning drop offs

We are aware that there is a problem with the queuing system for class 2 now that everyone is back in school. I am concerned with the car park and dangers with arriving cars and the temptation to play chase etc. in that area. Therefore, from Monday class 2 children will come in with class 4 and 5 just before 9am at the top gate (near the bungalow). They will also be brought out at the end of the day at the same gate.

Classes 9-11 enter at 8.45am and queue in the ball park

Classes 6-8 enter around 8.50am depending when the first 3 classes have gone into school

Classes 2-5 enter around 8.55-9am once the previous group have gone into school.

End times are

3.05pm classes 9-11

3.10pm classes 6-8

3.15pm classes 2-5

Please note that the EYU is unaffected with a start time of 9am and end time of 3pm

Polite reminders

Just a reminder that even though lockdown is beginning to be eased we are still working under Government guidance which at the current time has not changed. This means we are still working in class bubbles, ventilation, extra hygiene measures etc. We also still have to follow social distancing wherever necessary in school and when waiting for school to open. Please continue to arrive just before your start/end time and wear face coverings.

Cemetery and parking

We are welcome to use the cemetery car park to aid congestion, but please do not use the cemetery as a cut through or pick the flowers in the memorial garden. Thank you.

We have asked the neighbourhood policing team to drop by on regular intervals to help monitor the parking on the top road. Unfortunately, we still have a small number of parents/carers who are insisting on stopping on the yellow zigzags, allowing children to jump out and then moving on. Please take the time to park safely to avoid any unnecessary accidents but also angry words!!

Retirement

Thank you for the kind words since I announced my retirement last week. Just to confirm I will leave on the last day of the Summer term Friday 23rd July. Our new Head teacher will be appointed by the end of May and will start in September.

Amended holiday dates for the rest of this school year.

Thursday 27 th May	Close for Spring Bank
Monday 7 th June	Reopen for all pupils
Friday 23 rd July	Close for Summer holidays

Additional days

Monday 3 rd May	Closed National Bank Holiday Monday
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Monday 28 th June	Training day closed to pupils. (tbc)
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