

St Mary's News

First Holy Communion

I am delighted to report that we had 3 lovely Masses this week for our First Holy Communion children. We kept to our class bubbles and the children were supported by family and friends. Some children volunteered to read and did really well, reading with clarity, poise and confidence. Whilst different to the usual arrangements each Mass was really lovely. Some of you might have seen the live stream and I know the footage has been shared in some classes in school for other children to share the celebration. Many thanks to Fr Eamonn, staff and parents who all contributed to ensuring the sacrament of First Holy Communion could be celebrated after such a long wait.

Many congratulations to: Magda Sosna, Jasmine Dakin, Wiktor Chalinski, Patrick and Alexander Horbik, Yorke Longstaff, Gabi Trytko, Maddison Gavaghan, Kaytie Williams, Amelia Lister and Mia Paluch.

We have had a few enquiries regarding children beginning their programme for both First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. As soon as we get confirmation we can go ahead we will let you know and keep an eye on St Mary's Church bulletin too.

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: Ryley Aveyard, Mia Newsome, Ivy Hartley and Jackson Pee.

Class 2: Amelia-Rose Jeoffrey and Alissa-Mae Scholes

Class 4: Lola Viczena and Charlie Waters

Class 5: Alfie Hall and Brooke Anderson

Class 6: Lydia Brewins and Millie Ware

Class 7: Riley Hinchcliffe, Scarlett Anderson, Oliver Bower and Charlotte Howard

Class 8: Kitsy Rodgerson and Jordan Barber

Class 9: Gabi Trytko and Sophie O'Sullivan

Class 10: Finton Gowlett and Logan Thorpe

Class 11: Chloe You and Charley Flynn

Head teacher from September

As you know I am retiring and my last day in school will be Friday 23rd July. The Governors have asked Mr Glover to be Acting Head Teacher from September and he has accepted the role. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the very best and every success at this time of change as we move forward into the Blessed Peter Snow multi academy trust in February 2022.

Holiday requests

Many of us will have had our holidays disrupted last year due to the various lockdowns and travel restrictions. Unfortunately, the tone around foreign holidays has changed and is now very cautious indeed. After consultation with the attendance office and Government guidance, we will not be authorising any holidays, regardless of COVID changes e.g. if they have been rebooked during term time then a fixed penalty notice will be applied. Please complete a holiday request form (available to download from the website or ask at the office) for any holiday request.

Positive cases within school

You should all have received one of 2 texts/letters yesterday. The first letter was informing parents of children in class 7 that their child has been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus. The letter will have your child's name on and the period of isolation and can be used as evident for a payment if you have to miss work to care for a child who is isolating/positive themselves.

The second letter is for the rest of the school families as we feel you should be aware of a positive case so you can be extra vigilant when out in the community. We do have a number of people in school with coughs and sore throats (myself included)- if anyone in your household has a cough please use the free lateral flow tests and as long as negative (and your child is well enough) they can come into school.

If ANYONE in the household has a PCR/ lab test then EVERYONE has to remain at home until that test comes back (usually via text).

Please do not send children to school until the lab test result has been processed even if you do a home test and it is negative as you could all be developing the virus at that time.

Class 7 are now isolating up to and including 27th May. The first day they can leave home is Friday 28th and that is a training day so their return date for school is Monday 7th June. Work will be uploaded onto seesaw or paper pack. Please do complete all of the work- laptops are available if required.

Meal vouchers

We have had notification from Kirklees that we should process vouchers for the Spring Bank holiday. Becky is on with this now and you should receive £15 TESCO voucher from Monday next week.

Holiday dates for the rest of this school year.

Thursday 27 th May	Close for Spring Bank- no school Friday
Monday 7 th June	Reopen for all pupils
Friday 23 rd July	Close for Summer holidays