

St Mary's News

Bravo and Star of the Week and Superkids

Bravo is awarded at the end of each half term for children who have consistently worked hard, produced excellent pieces of work, maintained improvement, always a good friend or polite etc.

EYU	Dawid Burzak, Reuben Pollard, Jai Dawson and Lailah Barrett
Class 2	Chase Kennedy and Jacob Smith
Class 4	Kai Heylings and Igor Walukiewicz
Class 5	Brooke Anderson and Libertee Flatley
Class 6	Julia Krzetowska, Tyler-Jay Morphett, Lacey O'Brien and Zachariah Guest
Class 7	Lottie Howard and Milosz Korytko
Class 8	Cohen Ingleby and the whole of class 8
Class 9	Niall Stanley, Fenton McFarland and Alexander Horbik
Class 10	Miley Kelly, Loui Quinn and Breña Dyer-Oates
Class 11	Charley Flynn, Elliot Hooley and Mohammad Sahil
Mrs Hetherington	TJ Green, Kaytie Williams and Jessica Rhys-Hill
Mrs Spivey	Freddy Miles and Oscar Smith

Bikeability

The Bikeability team have been in school recently and 36 children in Yr 6 completed the training. Once again the visitors commented on our children's behaviour and good listening skills and attentiveness to instructions, especially whilst out on the road. Well done Yr 6.

School reports

School reports are being completed by all staff and should be ready to go home on Friday 9th July. They will comment on topics taught, attitude to learning and effort seen in class. The achievement level will also be evident but please don't worry if your child is below expectations in some areas as they have all missed a considerable amount of formal schooling due to the lockdown. Plans are being developed for a more formal catch up plan from September.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Look out for a leaflet coming home on Monday next week. It has a brief overview of the statutory curriculum that was delayed in being rolled out because of COVID. We are using the Diocese approved curriculum called TenTen. There are three themes: We are created and loved by God, We are created to love others and We are created to live in a community (local, national and global)

There is a website with user name and password for you to log on and have a look. Please email any questions or comments to RSE@stmarysbatley.co.uk between the consultation period of 14th June and 25th June.

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.

Transition and Reception visits

We have had enquiries from new starters into Reception in September about visiting school, especially if they are currently attending a different nursery other than our own. Local COVID rates are still very high and so no visits will take place during the school day when our bubbles are in situ as we need to keep them secure. We are planning to have several small evening meetings (no more than 10 parents at a time) so more details will follow after we have had the Government updates next week.

Yr 6 transition activities are currently being finalised but again these are awaiting updates to the school guidance following the Government announcement next week. Most High Schools are planning face to face visits this year and you should receive information from them directly. This year our Yr 6 are moving to 9 different secondary schools and each one has their own transition plan.

Class lists

We have a number of staff changes occurring this year with Mrs Blanchfield retiring, Mrs Bleazzard going on maternity leave and Mrs Drury returning from maternity leave. We are holding interviews at the moment to finalise our teaching staff. During the next 3 or 4 weeks next year's class lists will be finalised and shared with you all and hopefully the children will get the opportunity to move around and meet their new teacher before we finish in July (guidance permitting once again!!!) If you are moving away or your child is changing schools, please let me know asap as we do have waiting lists for a number of year groups.

COVID Vaccines

Because Kirklees has such a high rate of COVID especially the Delta variant that originated in India, residents are being encouraged to call in at the pop up clinics for vaccination. One such clinic is Saturday 12th June 9am-1pm at Sidings Healthcare Centre, the Sidings, Dewsbury WF12 9QR. Keep looking on Kirklees website for other clinics.

Hot weather

Please apply sun cream before school each morning even if the morning seems cloudy and overcast as the sun has a habit of burning through later. Our school fields have very little shade so there is a risk of sunburn. Please also remember sun hats/caps and water bottles every day too. Thank you

Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to Ethan in the EYU, we will miss him but wish him all the very best for the future. His mum, Emma, is going to keep in touch and continue to help the PTF when it hopefully restarts in September until some new members have settled in.