

St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

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

Newsletter

Issue:
004

Telephone: 01422 362365

Website: www.stmaryshalifax.co.uk

Email: admin@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk



1st November 2021

It is great to see all the children back in school today for what is set to be a very busy half term. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend parents' evening and hear about the amazing start your children have made to the new school year. As the nights get darker and the days get shorter we are still very busy in school as we near Advent and look forward to the festive period of Christmas.

Changes in School due to COVID19

We continue to try and be as safe as possible in school, ensuring we are minimising the risk of the spread of COVID19. This half term we will be changing the format of whole school assemblies so that these are celebrated in separate key stages.

We would like to invite parents into school on Fridays to our celebration assemblies. These will take place at 9.10am, with EYFS and KS1 celebrating in the dining hall, and KS2 celebrating in the main hall. Parents will be encouraged to wear a mask and will be socially distanced from the children.

Following advice from Calderdale Public Health we are also advising children who are in the same household as a positive family member to isolate for ten days.

A Welcome to New Staff

Welcome to Mrs Lister-French who will be covering Mrs Jannetta's maternity cover and working alongside Mrs Rigby in Blue class.

Welcome to Mrs Williams who will be working as SEND Support in EYFS.

Maternity Leave

Mrs Robertshaw has now started her maternity leave. We wish her well as she awaits the arrival of her new baby.



Mass of Remembrance

A Mass in Remembrance of the deceased staff and students from schools in the Huddersfield and Halifax Deaneries will be held at All Saints Catholic College, on Tuesday 2nd November at 4pm.

Please email the school on office@aschc.com with your name, if you wish to attend.

Please note the Mass will be socially distanced and face masks will be available for your comfort and convenience.

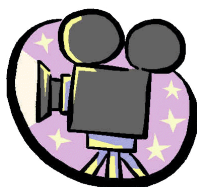
Our Virtue Focus

Hope

We will be focusing on the above virtues as part of our worship over the next 3 weeks in our classrooms and assemblies.

Cinema Night

Our cinema night that was cancelled last half term has been rearranged. It will now take place on Friday 5th November at 3.30pm—5.30pm, costing £4 per child.



All Saints Day

They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Changing Reading Books in School

There is going to be a change to how often reading books are changed in school.

Reading books will now be changed once a week, and your child will bring home two books, one that is matched to their reading level and another book that may differ from their reading level but is one to share with a family member to develop pleasure for reading.

Reading books are encouraged to be read more than once to develop fluency and comprehension understanding.

Anti-Bullying Week 15th—19th November

We will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week throughout the week of 15th-19th November. On Monday 15th November children can wear odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week in school, along with the rest of their usual school uniform.

Children in Need 19th November

We will celebrate Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 19th November. We are asking for donations of £1 that will be donated to the Children in Need charity – this can be paid via SchoolMoney.

In November, We Remember

We will be selling poppies and other Remembrance Day items in school as of Monday 1st November. These will be taken round the classes each day and will cost 50p-£1.50 (as we have some new items come in).



*They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
not the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning.
We will remember them.*

Website Update

Our school website has been updated significantly over the past half term. Each class now has their own webpage where you can find information about the curriculum and what your children are learning. We will continue to develop this to ensure it is user friendly.

Term Dates for 2021 - 2022

Holiday	Close	Open
Autumn	-----	Wednesday 8th September 2021
Half Term	Thursday 21st October 2021	Monday 1st November 2021
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half Term	Friday 18th February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25th April 2022
May Day	Monday 2nd May 2022	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
Half Term	Friday 27th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
Summer	Friday 22nd July 2022	-----

Staff Training Days:

6th September 2021, 7th September 2021,
22nd October 2021, Monday 25th July 2022, Tuesday 26th July 2022