

# St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

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



## Newsletter

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### 15th November 2021

#### **Anti-Bullying Week 15th—19th November**

This week is Anti-bullying Week in school. We will be focusing on this in our PSHE lessons and assemblies throughout the week.

#### **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 and these can be paid via School Money.

#### **Sponsored Bounce Fundraiser 16th November 2021**

Tomorrow we are holding our sponsored bounce in school to raise some much needed funds for our school fund.

Children can wear sports wear/comfortable clothing tomorrow instead of their school uniform.

All children will be having a picnic lunch in their classrooms.

Please can all sponsor forms be brought into school tomorrow and any sponsor money be sent through to us via School Money.



#### **Advent 2021**

The Church's season of Advent lasts for approximately 4 weeks from Sunday 28th November 2021 until Friday 24th December 2021. This is a special time for us all to prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth.

#### **Advent Mass**

In school we are celebrating the beginning of Advent with a Whole School Advent Mass on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 2.15pm. We would also like to invite our families to attend this mass.

#### **EYFS & KS1 Nativity**

We look forward to inviting our families to watch our EYFS & KS1 Nativity on Thursday 9th December. There will be two showings, a 10am showing and a 2.15pm showing, to ensure the hall is not too crowded. Tickets will be available nearer the time and families will be able to allocate the slot they will be attending.

If your child is not going to be here for the Nativity please can you let their class teacher know as soon as possible.



#### **Film Night**

A huge thank you to all of the children that attended our first film night of the academic year. The PTFA raised an amazing £655!

These funds help the PTFA support school in a number of ways and we are grateful to the PTFA and all of the parent volunteers that helped on the evening.

#### **Carols by Candlelight**

On Monday 13th December there will be a 'Carols by Candlelight' performance where our school choir will be singing songs and some children from Year 2 and Year 6 will be doing some festive dances.

Tickets will go on sale in the next couple of weeks and a letter will be sent out to let you know how to purchase these. We are really looking forward to holding this festive event.

## Open Day

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 then it is time to apply for a place for your child to start school in Reception in September 2022.

**You can apply for a place 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021.  
The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

We are having an Open Day on Tuesday 23rd November in school for any families interested in attending St Mary's.

Please contact the school office for more information.

## Parking Outside School

It has been brought to our attention that some of our families are parking in inappropriate places when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Please can we all take care to ensure we are not blocking any roads/driveways or parking in the bus bay. Thank you.

## Maternity Leave

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



## Congratulations to Mrs Robertshaw!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Robertshaw and her husband on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy Bromley Rey on Saturday 6th November 2021. We wish them all the best and are sending our love and prayers.



## Confirmation Programme 2021-2022

Our Sacrament of Confirmation preparation sessions will be starting on 29th November at 6.00pm.

Children will be making their Confirmation on Wednesday 16th February at St Malachy's Church in Ovenden.

## Dinner Money

Please can all families ensure they are paying for their child's dinners in advance. We have a lot of monies outstanding that we are having to chase up.

## Term Dates for 2021 - 2022

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

### Staff Training Days:

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