



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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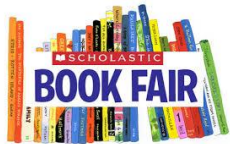
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ASH WEDNESDAY The whole school will be in Church on the **14th February at 11am.** Parents and parishioners are very welcome to join us to mark the beginning of the season of Lent. (Photos are from Ash Wednesday 2017)

FIRST CONFESSIONS (WORKSHOP 2) A reminder for all parents of children going through the Sacramental Programme this year, that the second workshop session will take place at all the different venues across the Halifax Deanery next week. The St Mary's session will be on **Wednesday 7th February at 6.30pm.** It is very important that all children are accompanied by an adult. Please also do your best to attend Mass each weekend at one of the Catholic Churches in our area. Priests will sign your child's Attendance Record on request.



BOOK FAYRE We will be hosting a travelling School Book Fayre next week from Thursday to the following Tuesday. The Fayre will be open in the morning before school and after school at 3.30pm until 4pm. The school will benefit from a percentage of each sale.



ATTENDANCE We have recently been auditing our registers and were advised by the LA Attendance Officer to send notifications to a number of parents about their child's attendance record at this point in the year. We also sent letters with our Attendance Traffic Light to some

CLASS	Attendance 15.1.18 – 26.1.18
REC	93.25
1/2H	96.4
1/2D	97.0
2M	97.8
3/4C	97.1
3/4R	93.8
4R	95.0
5BT	95.7
5G	92.4
6F	93.8
6L	95.5
School Average	95.3%

parents where attendance was below the school average. If you are one of these parents please do your best to improve between now and the end of the year. We have two families who have been invited to 'Pre-Court- Action' meetings at the Town Hall in the next few weeks. This is one step away from Court Action being taken.

UNSAFE DRIVING & PARKING We have been asked to publish the Registration Plate of a vehicle whose driver was very abusive towards our Yellow Bus driver recently – The vehicle had parked in the bus stop which is used by the Yellow Bus every morning and evening. We politely ask the owner to consider whether they feel their behaviour was reasonable and safe.

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We would also like to ask parents not to use the Main Entrance to school as a turning-round space. This puts children at risk! **Thank you.**

GOOD ATTENDANCE + PUNCTUALITY = SUCCESS!!



FILM NIGHTS The PTA have organised another couple of Film Nights. KS1 was today after school and KS2 will be having theirs next Friday after school.



MOSQUE VISIT Our Y5 and Y6

went to visit the very impressive Grand Mosque in Bradford last week. The main focus was to look at Islamic Architecture, but they also had the opportunity to learn a little about how a Muslim prays. The staff at the Mosque could not have been more welcoming to the children, offering them food and drinks and answering all their very interesting questions. Some of our Muslim pupils also helped their non-Muslim friends to understand some of the main features of the building.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Each one of us can be a bridge of encounter between diverse cultures and religions, a way to rediscover our common humanity.

PTA MEETING – ALL WELCOME The next meeting of our hard-working committee will be on Tuesday 13th February at ‘The Murg’ at Skircoat Green (7pm)..... Everyone is welcome to join them.

FOOTBALL SUCCESS Our Under 11 Team did a great job on Tuesday evening against Christ Church Primary School. Out of respect for our opponents we won't publish the score, but we did win very convincingly!



FORMER PUPILS – Girls West Yorkshire 5-a-side

Champions!!! You might recognise two faces in this photo.

Samantha and Ella were key players in their recent victory, which has made them West Yorkshire Champions! They will now play against other northern teams in the North West Regional Finals in Manchester very soon.

WATER BOTTLES We would like to remind parents that all children are allowed to have a bottle of water in school. In most classes these are allowed to stay in front of the children so that they can remain fully hydrated throughout the day. They can refill their bottles at all the taps and water fountains.

INDOOR FOOTWEAR All children should have a pair of black plimsols (or black shoes) with them in school that they can change into when they are inside the building. This is one very easy way in which we can save extra work for Mr Griffin and his very dedicated cleaning staff, Mrs Walsh, and Mr & Mrs Crossley. Different footwear should be worn outside on the playground and for coming to school.

NAMES ON CLOTHING Please do your best to check that all your child's clothing is labelled with his/her name. It makes it so much easier for us to get items back to their owners. Thank you.



HANG - OUT – HUB Our After School Club (OSC) has changed its name. The children put lots of ideas together and came up with ‘Hang – Out – Hub’ (H-O-H). They have also been working on a design for a logo and the final version (left) will be hopefully given the seal of approval by them soon.

HALF-TERM We break for half-term on **Friday 16th February**. Children will return to school on **Monday 26th February**.