

Key Diary Dates-Here are the key dates we already have for this term. Of course, new events and activities will be added throughout the year, so we would suggest that parents look at the diary dates each week as new ones will be added!\* all dates are subject to change \*\*Parents are welcome to attend if there is a # in the last column.

Date	Event	# ?
Sat 24.11	Family Mass at St Mary's-6.00pm-see note on this newsletter	#
Thu 29.11	'Ethos Statement' Worship. 3.00 start. Year 6 to lead.	#
Fri 30.11	Whole school Mass. 'Getting ready for Advent'. KS1 to lead	#
Mon 03.12	Choir at Rotherham Hospice at 1.30	
Wed 05.12	Meeting for Y3 parents. Communion and confession. 7.00 start- See note on this newsletter.	
Thu 06.12	'Ethos Statement' Worship. 3.00 start. Year 5 to lead.	#
Thu 06.12	Christmas dinner	
Fri 07.12	Key stage 2 Mass. Year 4 to lead. In church	#
Fri 07.12	Christmas fayre. Details to follow	#
Mon 10.12	FS on a trip to Tolley Hall Farm	
Tue 11.12	Community carol service.6.00 at church. See note on this newsletter	#
Wed 12.12	Christmas disco for Key stage 1 and foundation-3.45-4.30	
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Thu 13.12	'Ethos Statement' Worship. 3.00 start. Year 3 to lead	#
Thu 13.12	Choir at Woodlands- PM	
Fri 14.12	Key stage 2 Mass. 'John the Baptist'. Year 5 to lead.	#
Tue 18.12	FS and KS1 Christmas concerts-2.00 and 6.00	#
Wed 19.12	Key stage 2 Christmas concerts-2.00 and 6.00	#
Thu 20.12	'Ethos Statement' Worship. 3.00 start. Year 4 to lead	#
Thu 20.12	Nativity led by performing Arts group. PM	#
Fri 21.12	Whole school Mass. Year 6 to lead. In church	#
Fri 21.12	Break up for Christmas holidays- <b>2.00 close!</b>	
Tue 08.01	Return to school	

**Concert Invitation-** Many thanks to St Bernard's for kindly inviting our Year 6 children to a very exciting concert performed by Nathan Sykes from 'The Wanted' this afternoon. The children will no doubt have a great time! Hopefully we will get some great pictures on our Year 6 Blog page very soon!

\*Each class now has a blogging page. At the moment these pages are being used to show photos of activities and events in school. We are in the very early stages at the moment so the blogs do not have much there yet, but the collections of images are already very quickly growing! Please go on and have a look!

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School 23.11.18

**Ethos Statement- I can work, play, rest and pray each day.**



Today's reading is taken from one of the letters that St Paul wrote. This one was written to some of his friends who were living in Thessalonica, just north of Greece. Today it is called Macedonia.

*Dear Friends,*

*Help everyone who works hard for you.*

*Love and respect them for what they do.*

*Get on well with one another.*

*Encourage each other to work hard.*

*Help people who are afraid.*

*Take care of those who are not very strong.*

*Be patient with everyone.*

*Make sure you and your friends don't try to get your own back.*

*Always do what is best for you and everyone else.*

*Most of all be happy and pray every day.*

*Make sure you say thank you to God and remember that God loves you.*

Paul is telling his friends in Thessalonica *and us* to think about what we are doing. If we work all the time we get too tired; if we play all the time we won't learn anything; each day we should spend some time resting and some time in prayer.

**This** prayer is written by St Teresa of Avila, who made it up to remind her that God was with her all the time.

*Let nothing trouble us.*

*Let nothing frighten us.*

*We who have God lack nothing.*

*Let nothing trouble us.*

*Let nothing frighten us.*

*God alone is enough.*



### **Two special events to look forward to:**

1-Feast of Christ the King-Family Mass- THIS SATURDAY at church. This is an event shared by all schools in the 'Holy Spirit Umbrella Trust'. All schools are asking for students to come with parents. Please arrive at 5.45pm. The children will be welcomers, readers and singers, so it will be, no doubt, a very special event! All welcome.

2- Community Carol Concert-Tuesday 11th December at church- 6pm start. Again, this is an event shared by all schools in the 'Holy Spirit Umbrella Trust'. All schools are asking for students to come with parents. Please arrive at 5.45pm for a 6.00 start. It is an event for all, so please bring your families, friends and neighbours.

\*Contributions of food items will be gratefully received.

### Meetings for parents of Children who are make their First Holy

**Communion in 2019**-Parents of children who will at least be 8 years old during this academic year are invited to a meeting on Sunday 2nd December 5pm at St Gerard's parish meeting room or to St Mary's School on Wednesday 5th December at 7-00pm where the programme for preparation for First Holy Communion will be introduced.

**News from E-Boutique**-This year E-Boutique made just over £400.00 profit and as such we have donated the following to the charity shops who have continued to donate broken/unwanted jewellery to our business:

**£125 to Barnardo's and £50 to Rotherham Hospice**

**We also donated £25 to Cancer Research.**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and buy our products. As you can see your donations and purchases really do make a difference!

### Star Awards

- FS - Amelia for her fantastic independent writing this week.  
William for his fantastic understanding of one more and one less.
- Y1 - Maria for always being positive and smiley. A fantastic friend and tries hard with her learning.  
Jack for his fantastic understanding of shape.
- Y2 - Jayce and Francesca for always working so hard and writing a beautiful diary recount in Literacy.
- Y3 - Isobella for working hard on her DT project.  
Ethan for producing a wonderful guide about Hinduism.
- Y4 - Harry for writing an excellent diary entry in RE.  
Grace D and Lewie for sharing some wonderful thoughts and ideas during Eucharistic Adoration.
- Y5 - Martha and Edward for great partner work in class and for their Anti-bullying Week work.
- Y6 - Mairead for her fantastic Maths work.  
Michael - a special mention from the office staff for always being so pleasant and polite.

### Playleader of the week

Felicity in Y6 for good teamwork.

### Sports Star of the week

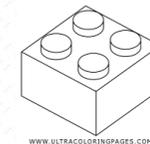
Rosie in Y3 for her hard work and commitment at Gymnastics club.

### Attendance

Time Frame	FS	Y 1	Y 2	Y 3	Y 4	Y 5	Y 6	Total
12.11.2018 – 16.11.2018	96.1%	97%	98.6%	95%	96.8%	98.7%	95.8%	96.8%

**Well done to Year 5 who had the best attendance last week!**

**Lego** -We are hoping to stock up on supplies of Lego that we can, in the near future, use to:



- create a stock for children who would benefit from the opportunity to 'go and build' if they need to;
- have a Lego club of some form;
- let a group of children have time to build as part of their whole development.

We know that building is a great way of calming stress, and is also a brilliant learning tool!

**To that end, we would ask that parents and children have a 'rummage' for any spare, unused Lego (or any compatible brand). Any donations would be very gratefully received. Thank you.**

**Christmas Meal Appeal**- 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat'- Matthew 25. On 16th December it is the turn of our parish to provide a meal for the vulnerable and needy in our community. We would like to make this an extra special meal since it is the week before Christmas.

We would also like to provide each visitor with a Christmas gift bag. We are asking for donations of hats/gloves, shower gels/bubble baths, chocolates, biscuits etc. Any cash donations would also be appreciated towards the cost of providing the meal.

We have collection points at the back of church and at St Mary's School. You may also pass any goods or cash to Mr or Mrs Veal.

**Christmas Fayre Update**- The 'Friends of St Mary's', the staff and the children are busily making plans in preparation for our brilliant Christmas fayre, which takes place after school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

We will get a letter out to all parents and families early next week so you can help us to prepare for the event, so keep an eye out for this!

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