



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES A reminder that the final session of our Confirmation Programme is on Wednesday evening this week (7pm) and the 3rd session of the Confession Programme is also on Wednesday at 6.30pm.

VACANCIES We have four vacancies in school on the horizon. The application details are on the front page of our website if you want to find more details:

- **DEPUTY HEADTEACHER** - Commencing September 2019.
- **KS2 TEACHER** (Maternity Cover) – Commencing after Easter 2019.
- **FOREST SCHOOL LEADER** - 6 hrs pw until July 2019, then 20hrs per wk from September 2019.
- **ICT TECHNICIAN** - 6hrs pw until July 2019, then 17hrs pw from September 2019.

Y5 AMPLEFORTH (13th to 15th March) The children in Y5 will be going on a two night residential retreat. We have confirmed number to the Abbey and we would be grateful to parents for ensuring they have made all the due instalments by the time we go. Children not attending this year are of course still expected to attend school.



PTFA KS1 & KS2 FILM NIGHT KS2 children enjoyed film night on Friday 1st February. KS1 film night is on the 8th February after school. Bookings can be made through 'School Money'



Y2 EUREKA VISIT The Y2 children went to Eureka on

the 18th January to learn about living in Space. As you can see, they had a great time!



CROSS COUNTRY Our tough team of runners again exposed their skills to the elements last week at the Calderdale Finals. They all did very well, especially considering their ages and the very cold weather! We are very proud of them!



ATTENDANCE Overall attendance in the last two weeks is at **96.1%**. This continues to be a very good start for the year! Keep it up and keep improving please! NB: We have unfortunately had to have

meetings about poor attendance with some families recently and we have reluctantly issued 2 Fixed Penalty Fines to families taking children out of school in term time.



GRAB & GO BAGELS The FREE morning bagels are going down very well with all the children. A big thank you to Mrs Vickers (School Cook) for all her extra efforts in the mornings to get them ready.

Y2 TRIP TO SQUARE CHAPEL Our Y2 children went to the Square Chapel today to spend some time with the author Alan MacDonald, writer of the 'Dirtie Bertie' books and lots of other children's titles.



PTFA TABLE TOP SALE We are holding a sale of good quality toys, books and children's clothes on Monday 11th February (3.30pm – 4.30pm) in the main school hall. We need plenty of donations of items to help make this event a success and we would be very grateful for any items you can give the PTFA to sell. ***Please bring these into school by Friday 8th February. THANK YOU.***



SM RADIO ACTIVE Mr Chapman and our wonderful children, all across the school, have been busy producing some great Radio Podcasts recently. These are well worth listening to if you have a spare 10 minutes or so. They can all be found through the link on our website. In particular, the programme about The Holocaust (Y6) is very much something we are proud of!!

Healthy School Lunchbox

A healthy lunchbox should include:



Cheese, meat, or fish sandwich.

Water, milk or fresh fruit juice.

Fruit

Yoghurt



PACKED LUNCHES

We have noticed that some children are coming to school with Packed Lunches

that do not comply with the advice given by the NHS and DfE on what children should be eating in school at lunchtimes. If you want to find lots of great ideas and inspiration for your child's packed lunch these can be easily found on the

Food4Life website: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



SELFISH AND DANGEROUS DRIVING We have been given the following car registration numbers by concerned members of the school community..... All these vehicles have been observed in the last few days ignoring double yellow lines, bus parking boxes, speed limits etc.

W487 NBT

HV68 VSJ

BV60 KYE

DV63 JKY

PLEASE HELP US! Although the vast majority of parents booking places for the After-School Club (Hang Out Hub) and Breakfast Club have become very good at it through School Money, we still have a few yet to get into this habit on a consistent basis. **YOU ARE UNABLE TO JUST TURN UP WITHOUT BOOKING/PAYING IN ADVANCE.** The same applies to paying in advance for school dinners. Please help us to keep our school accounts correct and up to date, and to avoid having to use other school funds to subsidise your child's meals and child care by paying for these services in advance. If you are having any issues at all with School Money please don't hesitate to contact the school office where the ladies will be more than happy to help you. **Thank you very much.**