



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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

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**THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March (10am) Fr Martin will be celebrating Mass with us to mark the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady, to tell her that she would give birth to Jesus. All our community are very welcome to join us.

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME** The Catholic children in Y4 will have the second of their preparation sessions in school on Wednesday next week (6.30pm). Parents are expected to attend this workshop with the children.



**CAFOD COLLECTION BOXES** We sent a CAFOD collection box home with every child at the beginning of Lent. Some of these boxes, filled very generously with spare coins, have already been returned. We would be very grateful if the remainder could be returned to school before we finish for the Easter break on 12<sup>th</sup> April. If you want to find out more about the 'Give It Up' Challenge this year there is lots of information on the CAFOD website.



**THE PASSION (Y5)** Everyone in our community is invited to attend this performance, telling the story of Holy Week in song and drama, at 2.15pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**TEACHER CHANGES** We held interviews for a new Forest School Leader on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Natasha Brown will be teaching children in the outdoor environment of the school from September. This is a very exciting initiative for the future content of our curriculum and we will give you more details of what will be involved, in the Summer term.

Parents of children in **Mrs Roe's** class will be pleased to know that we have appointed a cover teacher to replace her whilst she is on maternity leave. **Mrs Jessica Borges-Vaz** will be teaching the class for the Summer term. Her daughter is a pupil of ours, and she is joining us from Beech Hill school.

Parents of children in 3/4B were sent a letter yesterday informing them that **Mrs Beevers** is moving to France at Easter to take up an exciting opportunity over there. Whilst we wish her well and hope that she is very happy, we will of course miss her. The governors have appointed **Miss Jenny Starsmore** as the class teacher from Easter. She will be moving from Norland Primary, where she has been teaching for 3 years. We are sure you will make both these new teachers feel welcome as they settle into their roles.

**ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC COLLEGE – LADIES FASHION SHOW** Our Catholic High School in Huddersfield are holding a fundraising event **this evening**, which we have been asked to publicise. The event starts at 7.30pm and tickets can be purchased from the school for £4. There will be lots of ex-high street stock (M&S, Oasis, Debenhams, Miss Selfridge, CC, River Island, Wallis, New Look, Top Shop and more!)



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** This event is a long way off (**15<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm**) but we wanted to let you know, so that you can keep it free!!! The children in our Choir will be singing a couple of special songs during a performance by a Bradford-based choir, **CHORDIALITY** at St Mary's Church. Mr Brennan is one of the members of this Choir

so he will also be singing!! The event will be in aid of the Church Heating Fund and will be a celebration of the music of America. Details to follow.

**Y5 AMPLEFORTH (13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March)** The children in Y5 had a fantastic time in this beautiful part of the country, staying in very comfortable accommodation as guests of the Benedictine community.



CLASS	Attendance 4/3/19 – 15/3/19
REC	95.65
1/2D	95.0
1/2HB	93.7
2M	99.7
3/4R	99.1
3/4B	97.4
4V	95.5
5G	99.5
5P	97.5
6L	99.0
6C	96.8
School Average	<b>97%</b>

**ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS** We are very pleased with our overall attendance figures since half-term. Well done to all those classes above our School Target of 97% and especially **Mr Morley's class, who achieved the highest attendance in our last newsletter as well!!!**

**We are monitoring attendance even more closely over this half-term, with a prize planned for the class that does the best.**

**RED NOSE DAY Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Thank you to all the children who came in their own very colourful clothes on Friday. We have sent **£182** to Comic Relief.



Y6 in Keswick 2018

**YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING (SATs & KESWICK)**

We are holding an evening for parents of children in Year 6 on the **25<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm** and the **27<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**. These meetings will hopefully give you all the details you need about the two most significant events on the horizon for this year group. We have noticed that quite a few parents have still not paid anything towards the Keswick residential. We really need to have definite numbers for those that are going, and would therefore ask that a minimum of 50% of the cost is paid by Easter. If any parents are not intending to allow their child to go to Keswick, it would be very useful for us

to be made aware of this as soon as possible. All children not attending will of course be expected to attend school all week as normal.

**PARENTS EVENINGS (Mon 1<sup>st</sup> and Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3.40pm – 6pm)** We opened the online booking service last week and around 80% of the appointment slots have been taken already. If you have still not sorted an appointment please do so over the weekend so you are not disappointed.

**KS1 FILM NIGHT (29<sup>th</sup> March)** Children in KS1 can come along after school next Friday to watch an Easter themed film and enjoy some time together. There will be a few things to eat as well! Bookings can be made via our online app. KS2 will have their Film Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**NO TOLERANCE** Mr Brennan would like to remind all parents that the staff in school are here to help you and to make sure your child is happy and thriving. They are not paid to be abused or spoken to aggressively. Schools always have the option to ban persons who pose a threat to children or staff from the premises. Thank fully this option has not been used for many years. We thank you for your support.

