



St. Mary's News

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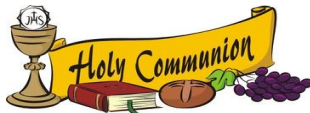
2018



Welcome Back

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. From talking to the children we can definitely say that they did – they were all very excited and keen to tell us all about their presents and about what they got up to over the holidays. It seems that scooters and bikes were very popular presents as well as LOL Dolls and Lego. Several children went off to Lapland to visit Father Christmas and many children went to Winter Wonderland. Some children visited warmer climates and others just enjoyed lazy days at home (like Mrs Hymers).

As always, we have another very busy term ahead of us so keep up to date by visiting the school website where you can find copies of the newsletter.



First Holy Communion

The next First Holy Communion preparation class takes place on Wednesday 17th January at 6pm in the Infant Hall.

All parents should have arranged a date for their child to make their individual Holy Communion by now. If you haven't arranged a date with Father, please speak to him after Wednesday's meeting.



Saints Raffle

We are raffling a family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) for the Saints V Castleford Super League match on Friday 2nd February 2018. Tickets are available from the office and will cost £2 each.

Money should be sent into school in a named envelope and given to your child's class teacher. You are more than welcome to buy more than one ticket. The winner will be drawn in assembly on Friday 19th January so you only have a week to get your tickets!

All money raised will be used to buy new balls, bats and skipping ropes for playtimes.

Year 6 Maths Workshop for Parents

As discussed during the Welcome to Y6 Parents' Meeting in September, Mrs Hrabowenskyj and Mrs Hymers will be running a Maths Workshop for parents on Friday 19th January at 2.00pm.

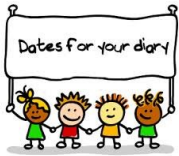
The workshop will give parents the opportunity to look at the format of the Maths SAT papers and to familiarise themselves with the level of challenge facing the children. Staff will also model the different calculation strategies being taught in school so that parents are able to support the children with their work and SAT preparation activities.

The workshop will be practical in nature so that parents will have the opportunity to try the strategies out for themselves.

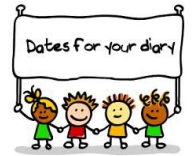
Parents in the past have found the workshop extremely useful and we have had lots of positive feedback. If you are able to attend the workshop, please let Mrs Hrabowenskyj know by putting a note in your child's diary. It is important that you let us know so that we are able to prepare the correct number of resources needed for the workshop.

We hope to see you all there!





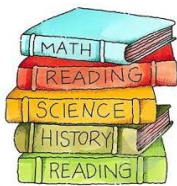
Diary of Events



Date	Event
Tuesday 16th January	Y5 Stay and Pray 9.00am
Wednesday 17th January	Holy Communion Preparation Class 6pm
Wednesday 17th January	Y4 and Y5 Swimming
Friday 19th January	Y6 Maths Workshop for Parents 2.00pm
Wednesday 31st January	Open Afternoon 2.15pm—3.15pm
Wednesday 31st January	Parents' Evening 3.40pm—6.30pm
Friday 2nd February	Y5 Trip to Spaceport
Monday 5th February	Infant Sharing Assembly—Rec, Y1 & Y2 2.45pm Infant Hall
Wednesday 7th February	Open Afternoon 2.15pm—3.15pm
Wednesday 7th February	Parents' Evening 3.40pm—6.30pm
Friday 9th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 19th February	School re-opens

Open Afternoon

We will be holding two open afternoons on Wednesday 31st January and Wednesday 7th February at 2.15pm—3.15pm. Our open afternoons are a wonderful opportunity for you to come along and share your children's work with them.



Infant Sharing Assembly

Our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children invite their families to their sharing assembly on Monday 5th February at 2.45pm. in the Infant Hall.

The theme of the Assembly is *Getting On and Falling Out*.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for the Spring Term will be held on Wednesday 31st January and Wednesday 7th February from 3.40pm—6.30pm.

Appointments slips will be sent out next week for you to complete and return to school.



Year 5—Stay and Pray

Our Y5 families are warmly invited to join their children to Stay and Pray on Tuesday 16th January at 9.00am.—9.15am. in Y5's classroom. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join us in prayer with your children and we look forward to seeing you there.



Calling all guitar and recorder players

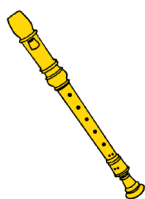
Mrs Connolly is back!

Mrs Connolly will start her Y2 recorder group and Key Stage Two guitar groups again **next week**.

Y2 recorders will take place on a Tuesday from 1.30—2.00pm.

Y3 guitar lessons will run from 100-1.30pm on a Tuesday.

Y4, Y5 and Y6 guitars will take place from 1.00-1.30pm on a Thursday.



Swimming

Our Y4 and Y5 children will start their swimming sessions on Wednesday. This will be the first block of 4 sessions before February half-term and then a second block of lessons will take place in the Summer Term.

A detailed letter has been sent home to all Y4 and Y5 parents with further details.

If you have any further questions, please speak to Mrs Hrabowneskyj or Mrs Hymers.

Passport to the Park

Last term the Junior children started a reward system called Passport to the Park. The children were each given 5 stars on a passport and their challenge was to keep the 5 stars by the end of the term by making the right choices, displaying a positive attitude towards their work, being respectful and showing good manners. All children who had 5 stars on their passports by the end of the term earned an afternoon out at the park.

All children who achieved 5 stars in Y3 and Y4 will be going to the park next Friday 19th January at 1.30pm. (Weather permitting). In order for your child to attend, the consent form, which will be sent home on Monday, must be signed and returned to school. The children will need to have a warm, water-proof coat and hats and mittens if the weather is cold. The children will be unable to go to the park if they do not have a coat (tracksuit jackets are not counted as coats). School has arranged with the Ice Cream Parlour for the children to pop in and choose an ice-cream for the cost of £1.50

If you would like your child to have an ice-cream then the money needs to be sent into school before Friday. Unfortunately school is unable to fund the cost of over 120 ice-creams.

Children in Y5 and Y6 will go to the park the following week—Friday 26th January and the same rules apply.

If the weather is bad alternative dates will be rearranged.



Watches in School

Can we please ask that the children do not wear watches to school that contain in-built games as they are a distraction to the children's learning.

Fitbit watches are fine to wear but they, like other watches, must be removed during PE lessons, in keeping with the school's Health and Safety procedures.



Chess Club

Miss Parr would like to offer our Junior children the opportunity to play chess one lunchtime per week. Everyone is welcome and it doesn't matter whether you are a chess master or a chess beginner.

If you are interested, Miss Parr will be holding a meeting on Monday 15th January at 1.00pm in the library.



Lego Club

Lego Club will start again on Wednesday 17th January, upstairs in Y6's outer area.

Junior children 1.00—1.30pm (wait for Mrs Hymers downstairs)

Infant children 1.30—2.00pm (a dinner lady will bring you upstairs)



Clubs/Activities timetable for the Spring Term

	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba Chess Club	Football
Tuesday	Fun fitness	Guitars Recorders	
Wednesday	Gymnastics KS2	Dance KS2 Lego Club	Gymnastics Rec & KS1
Thursday	Fun fitness	Football (KS1) Guitars	Choir
Friday	Fencing KS2	Fencing Rec & KS1	Tag Rugby KS2

Thought for the New Year



New Year's Day is the first blank page of a 365 page book.

YOU are the author - therefore only YOU can make it a good story.



Bucket Filling



Maizie (Y4) Mrs Anderson has nominated Maizie as her bucket filler this week. Mrs Anderson said that Maizie was extremely kind including children in the activities during Y4s trip to Saints on Wednesday. Well done Maizie. We are proud of you.

Alice (Y6) Alice is a lovely young girl with beautiful manners. She enters school every day with a smile on a her face and is more than willing to help others. Well done Alice. These are lovely qualities to have.

Lunchtime Stars

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as our lunchtime stars for this week:

Reception - Alex

Year 1 - Harriet

Year 2 - Ava

Year 3 - Charlie M

Year 4 - Skye

Year 5 - Max

Year 6 - Emily



Good Work

A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their good work this week:

Year 1 - Isla W

Year 2 - Iris

Year 3 - Maya

Year 4 - Harry

Year 5 - Lexi

Year 6 - Rebecca



Class Attendance

Reception - 86.3%

Year 1 - 88.49%

Year 2 - 99.21%

Year 3 - 99.21%

Year 4 - 94.81%

Year 5 - 94.98%

Year 6 - 99.28%



House Points

Infants

Matthew

Ishaan

Mark

Alice B

Luke

Brooke

John

Christopher

Juniors

Tom H

Cameron

Aaron

Ben O'B

The overall winners were Ishaan (Rec) & Aaron (Y4).

Well done everyone!

Well done to the children in Year 6 who have a class attendance of 99.28% for this week.

House Points