



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

Thursday 8th November 2018

WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is **GIFT**. Please try to make some special family time this week and every week in order to read through and share the Good News as revealed to us through the Wednesday Word.

OUR NEXT MASS IN SCHOOL

Our next mass in school will be tomorrow, Friday 9th November, when it will be Year 6's Mass of Remembrance. On Friday 16th November it will be Year 5's Mass and on Friday 23rd November it will be Year 4's Mass. Parents, carers and friends are all very welcome to attend any and all of our school masses.

GAINING A RECEPTION CLASS PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD IN 2019

The online application facility for children who will be starting **Reception class** in September 2019 opened on Friday 2nd November 2018. The closing date for Reception place applications will be Tuesday 15th January 2019. Please make sure that you apply on time.

Y6 LONDON RESIDENTIAL 2019

We have received deposits for 24 Y6 pupils and so am I pleased to say that the planned Y6 London Residential will go ahead from Wednesday 26th June until Friday 28th June 2019. Full payment must be made by Friday 10th May 2019. A further meeting about the trip will take place on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 6pm in school.

ST MARY'S PARISH WINTER FAIR

Our parish Winter Fair will take place in school on Saturday 17th November 2018 from noon. Please make a note in your diary and please attend in order to support this worthwhile cause. On Friday 16th November (the day before the fair) we would like all pupils to bring a suitable and new item for the tombola stall at the Parish Winter Fair.

WINTER FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Your child should bring home a book of raffle tickets for the Winter Fair this week. Please do your best to help them to be sold and for ticket stubs and money to be back in school as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 16th November**. Many thanks in advance.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2018

Shoobox gifts must be returned to school by Friday 9th November (tomorrow). Please try to support this amazing cause. Many thanks to everyone who has already brought in a box. We know that this takes time, thought and energy. The children who receive these little boxes of love will be forever thankful I am sure.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE 2018

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. As ever, the Royal British Legion has supplied us with a range of fundraising products as well as the traditional Remembrance Day Poppies. Please come into the front office to have a look at what is on sale (most things are either 50p or £1).

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB AT ST MARY'S FROM JANUARY 2019 ONWARDS

From January 2019, we are assuming control of the before and after-school care club at St Mary's. This will be known as Bee's Knees Before and After School Care Club. Mrs Gail Pratt has been appointed as our Bee's Knees Care Club Manager and Miss Kate Howard will be our Care Club Assistant.

If your child is currently attending Grow Happy Care Club at St Mary's, then you **must** register your child with us in order to keep your place in January 2019. **The closing date for registration is TOMORROW - Friday 9th November 2018.** If you have not already done so, please come into school by the end of the day tomorrow, with completed forms. These are available at the school office and are also available to download from the Parents' Information section of the school's website at www.st-marys-dukinfield.tameside.sch.uk.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING

There is a meeting for ALL Year 3 Parents and Carers on Thursday 15th November at 6pm in school. This is to outline how the Sacramental Programme will operate in school and the parish in this, the academic year when most pupils in Year 3 will receive the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion for the first time. Pupils should not attend this meeting. All Year 3 pupils should have at least one parent present. This year, parents will need to fill in a registration form to indicate their commitment to the programme (and as a GDPR requirement). These forms will be available at the meeting on 15th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE:	EVENT:
Friday 9 th November	Year 6 Mass at 9am in school hall
Friday 9 th November	4pm: Closing date for existing users of Grow Happy to register for Bee's Knees Before and After School Care Club for January 2019.
Friday 9 th November	Meeting for Parish Winter Fair stall holders in school at 4pm
Friday 9 th November	No football practice (and no more until after February half-term 2019)
Sunday 11 th November	100 th anniversary of the end of WW1. Selected Y6 pupils will be representing the school at the Dukinfield Service of Remembrance (meet outside DFTH at 2.30pm in school uniform)
12 th – 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 12 th November	4pm: Closing date for Midday Supervisor vacancy
Wednesday 14 th November	Forest School back on for Y5 and Y6
Wednesday 14 th November	Fire Service visit to Y6 for 'Safe4Autumn' campaign.
Wednesday 14 th November	Girls' Indoor 5-a-side football competition after school at Copley for selected pupils (separate letter to follow)
Thursday 15 th November	6pm: Sacramental Programme meeting in school at 6pm (all Y3 pupils should be represented by a parent but children should not attend)
Friday 16 th November	Year 5 Ant-Bullying Mass
Friday 16 th November	Non-uniform day (including odd socks) with £1 donation towards the Reading Shed and pupils to please bring an item for the tombola stall at the Parish Winter Fair.
Friday 16 th November	Year 6 River Walk (see separate letter for full details)
Friday 16 th November	Stall holders setting up Winter Fair in school between 4 – 6pm.
Saturday 17 th November	Parish of St Mary's and St Paul's Winter Fair opens at noon at St Mary's School Dukinfield.

NO MORE FOOTBALL PRACTICE UNTIL AFTER FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

The dark nights and the more inclement weather mean that we are suspending Friday's after-school football practice until after February half-term. We may be called upon to play fixtures in this period though. For this reason, it is vitally important that – if you still have a school football kit at home – then it is washed and returned to school as soon as possible. This is particularly important as we have a girls' football tournament next Wednesday and therefore really do need all the kits back before this date.

MID-DAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are seeking to recruit a mid-day supervisor to help look after our children at lunch-times. The hours are Monday – Friday, 11.55 – 1pm (5½ hours per week) term time only. The hourly rate of pay is £8.72 (prorated to reflect term-time only). Application packs are available from the school office and are returnable to the school office. Closing date for applications: Monday 12th November 2018. Interviews will take place on Friday 16th November 2018.

NON-UNIFORM DAY – 16th NOVEMBER

On Friday 16th November we would like all our pupils to come to school in non-uniform...and wear odd socks! 12th – 16th November is anti-bullying week and we want to raise awareness around issues relating to bullying. On this day we would also like pupils to bring a £1 donation towards the Reading Shed and also to bring an item for the tombola stall at the Parish Winter Fair.

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

Please don't forget that we welcome and value your feedback on any aspect of school life, whether it is covered in this week's newsletter or not. Comments should be emailed to: comments@st-marys-dukinfield.tameside.sch.uk.