



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

Thursday 15th November 2018

WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is **Faithfulness**. 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 16th November. It will be Year 5's Anti-Bullying Mass. On Friday 23rd November it will be Year 4's Mass. On Friday 30th November it will be Year 1's Mass. Parents, carers and friends are all very welcome to attend any and all of our school masses.

NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Friday 16th November, we would like all our pupils to come to school in non-uniform...and wear odd socks! 12th – 16th November has been anti-bullying week and we have been raising awareness around issues relating to bullying all week. Tomorrow 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. Many thanks in advance.

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.

If, prior to your application, you would like to book on a joint visit to look around the school, or you know of any parents who would like to visit, please contact the school office on 0161 368 4824 to secure a place.

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 have already brought home a book of raffle tickets for the Winter Fair. 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 tomorrow, **Friday 16th November**. Many thanks in advance.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2018

Many thanks to everyone who brought in a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. 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. We were able to hand-over 66 shoe boxes on Monday. Many thanks to Mrs Bailey for coordinating this year's project.

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.

After School Kids' Club will be based in Year 2 classroom after school on Friday 16th November. This is because the Winter Fair will be being set up in the Community Room. Please go to the Y2 door on the playground to collect your child from Kids' Club on Friday after school.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE 2018

Many thanks to all the children and parents/carers from St Mary's who attended the Dukinfield Service of Remembrance last Sunday afternoon. It was a very poignant commemoration and your presence and support were greatly appreciated, as ever.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE:	EVENT:
12 th – 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
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 Anti-Bullying Mass in school hall at 9am
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.
Friday 16 th November	After School Kids' Club will be based in Year 2 classroom this afternoon – please go to the Y2 door on the playground to collect your child.
Saturday 17 th November	Parish of St Mary's and St Paul's Winter Fair opens at noon at St Mary's School Dukinfield.
Tuesday 20 th November	Flu immunisations
Friday 23 rd November	Year 4 Mass in school hall at 9am

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We are asking all our pupils to consider designing our school's Christmas card for 2018. This is the card that we will send out to neighbouring schools and other friends of St Mary's as we get closer to Christmas. There will be a prize for the winner. Entries must:

- Be bright and colourful
- Be on A4 paper (landscape or portrait)
- Have the pupil's full name and class on the back
- Be handed in to the school office by 4pm on Monday 19th November 2018.

Good luck boys and girls.

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