



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is **LEADER**. 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 23rd November. This 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.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2018-19

Many thanks to everyone who attended last week's parents' information meeting about the sacramental programme 2018-19. We know that not everyone could make it but we hope that everyone has received a copy of the dates for the programme this year, as well as the important covering letter and registration form (if not, please pop into school and request these). It is vital that the registration form is returned by Friday 30th November.

RECEPTION PARTNERSHIP MASS

At St Mary's we always like to welcome our new Reception pupils and their families into the parish family with a Partnership Mass. This will take place on Sunday 25th November 2018 at 10.30am at St Mary's Catholic Church, Zetland Street, Dukinfield. All Reception children, their parents, carers and families are very welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.

THE REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The start of Advent will soon be upon us and with it brings the excitement of opening the first door on the Advent calendar and the start of the Christmas countdown. This year, as part of our Advent preparations, St Mary's will be creating a **reverse Advent calendar**. The **reverse advent calendar** is a simple way to help others during the Christmas season and, for us as a school community, to live out our Gospel values.

Each week during Advent we will be asking for donations of food, which will be given to Tameside East Foodbank. This foodbank provides emergency food parcels to people living in our local area. Whatever you are able to provide, all voluntary contributions will be very greatly appreciated and delivered to the foodbank in order to help those in need over the festive period.

For Week 1 (26th Nov – 30th November...so that we have items in for the start of Advent on Sunday 2nd December) of the Reverse Advent Calendar we would be very grateful for donations of:

- Milk (UHT/long-life)
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned Rice Pudding

NATIVITY 2018

Christmas is still a very long way off (despite all the messages that we are all being bombarded with) so this is just advance notice that ALL our pupils are requested to attend Infant Nativity and Junior Carols at St Mary's Church, Zetland Street, on **Wednesday 12th December 2018**. This is always a wonderful celebration and one that we want all our pupils to attend and be involved in. Please make a note in your diary.

PARISH WINTER FAIR THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who helped out, contributed to and/or attended the Parish Winter Fair. It was a lovely social occasion and, in the process, so far we have managed to raise **£2, 850** for St Mary's and St Paul's parish funds.

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or school life in general. These can be emailed to: comments@st-marys-dukinfield.tameside.sch.uk

Thursday 22nd November 2018

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE:	EVENT:
Thursday 22 nd November	Reading Shed being installed today
Friday 23 rd November	Year 4 Mass in school hall at 9am
Sunday 25 th November	Reception Partnership Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Zetland Street, Dukinfield at 10.30am
Tuesday 27 th November	Y3 Enrolment Mass slips to be returned today
Tuesday 27 th November	Stacey Copeland (Commonwealth boxing champion and public speaker) to talk to Year 5 and Year 6 about Equality
Wednesday 28 th November	Final Forest School session for Y5 and Y6
Friday 30 th November	Year 1 Mass in school hall at 9am
Sunday 2 nd December	Year 3 Enrolment Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Zetland Street, Dukinfield at 10.30am
Monday 3 rd December	E-safety assembly with Mrs Carlson

PARKING IN SCHOOL (PART ONE)

Parents and carers must not attempt to gain access to the 6 car parking spaces opposite the disabled spaces from 8.30am onwards and from 3pm onwards. Only blue badge holders will be allowed past the member of staff on duty in the car park during these times.

PARKING IN SCHOOL (PART TWO)

If you park up in the turning circle and leave your car in order to see your child into school or to pick them up at the end of the day, please return to your vehicle and vacate this space as soon as is safely possible. This will help to ensure that the queue of traffic (which sometimes backs up onto Cheetham Hill Road) can flow as well as possible. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation with this.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL

Our whole school Christmas dinner will take place on **Wednesday 19th December 2018**. All children are able to have a Christmas dinner from school on this day. For children in the Infants who do not usually have a school dinner this will be free (because of the Universal entitlement to a free school meal in Reception and KS1). Parents of children in Key Stage Two wishing to have a Christmas dinner will have to pay £2.25p. If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like a Christmas Dinner please inform school by **Tuesday 4th December 2018**. Payment must also be made on Parentmail by this date. No orders will be accepted after the 4th December.