

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter



Statement to Live by: "I can tell you how I look after myself!"

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We represented St Mary's RC Primary school as part of the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November. Gabriel, Izzie and Cara laid a wreath in the Friary Gardens.

SATS Evening Year 6

Thank you to parents who attended the Year 6 information evening providing parents with valuable information regarding the Year 6 SATS procedure. Any parents who were unable to attend the evening please do not hesitate to see Mrs England or Mrs Whitehead for information or further clarification. Thank you to Mrs England for holding the session.

School Council

This week the school council met again to discuss issues regarding attendance, fundraising and Dementia Awareness.

The school council would like to see 100% and 95% attendance rewarded, further details to follow.

They would like the school to take part in an Elf Day in aid of raising awareness for Dementia. This will take place on **Friday 15th December**, our Christmas Lunch Day. The children can participate in any way they feel comfortable, fully dressed as an elf or elf ears.

To celebrate Christmas and raise valuable funds for school we will be holding a movie night on **Wednesday 20th December** in school. Further information to follow regarding times and film choices from the children.

Thank you to Poppy and Gabriel for chairing the meetings.

Parent Governor

Following our recent Parent Governor Election we are able to share with you that the school received one Nomination.

Mrs Leighton is duly elected to stand as a Parent Governor from November 2017. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Leighton to the Governing Body.

East Barnby Year 6 and Year 5

Next week our Year 6 and Year 5 are venturing off to East Barnby. Children need to come to school at normal time on Monday, dressed ready for East Barnby. Parents/Carers can come into school with their child and gather in the hall and wave off the children with the coach leaving at approximately 9.15am. The children will arrive back on Friday 24th approximately at 2.45pm.

Miss Poulter and Miss Jackson will be teaching for Mr Farrell in Year 1 and Mrs England will be teaching for Miss Fautley in Year 4 as both teachers are attending East Barnby.

Attendance

Please see Mrs Whitehead if you would like any further clarification regarding the recently adopted attendance strategy. We recognise that there are occasions where children are genuinely ill and need to take time away from school and will work in partnership with families offering support.

We aim to reach our end of year target set at 97%; this half term 55% of pupils achieved GOLD and 22% achieved GREEN.

Star of the Week



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Rec: Harry C

Y1: Luca W

Y2: Dylan O

Y3: Jessica A

Y4: Grace H

Y5: Niamh H

Y6: Georgia G

Awards:

STLB: Poppy R

Lunchtime: Jacob O

Attendance



Rec: 97.65%

Y1: 99.20%

Y2: 99.17%

Y3: 97.41%

Y4: 97.42%

Y5: 95.24%

Y6: 97.14%

**Whole School
attendance figure for
this week 97.63%**

Social Media

As you are aware, access to and use of social media is common these days and has become second nature to many of us. With this in mind, we wanted to provide some advice that is intended to help safeguard yourselves as parents and carers.

Unfortunately, some parents and carers can put themselves at risk when posting online about incidents that may have taken place at school. Cases of inappropriate comments to and about others, inaccuracies and misrepresentation are now commonly reported in social media and will be taken seriously by the school. Comments made online are not safe and secure and should never be considered as such. We need to set the best example for our children, so we would urge you to think before you type/post. There should not be malicious or fictitious comments on social media sites about any member of the school community. The use of social network sites to make derogatory comments which could bring staff into disrepute (naming staff), including making comments about pupils, parents, other staff members, the senior leadership team, governors, local authority or the wider community. These matters are taken seriously by the school and the local authority.

If you, as parents and carers have any concerns about matters taking place at school, please address them through the appropriate channels, i.e. a discussion with the class teacher or Headteacher, rather than expressing your concerns online. In this way, we can work with you to address any concerns that you may have.

Prayer for Our Children

*Bless these children in St Mary's, O God.
Give them enquiring and discerning hearts,
courage to persevere in all they undertake.
The gift of joy and wonder in all things.
Laughter and love to share with all,
and sure and certain knowledge
of your unfailing love.*

Amen.

