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St. Mary's RC Primary School

November 2015 Newsletter



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Mrs. Graham - Acting Head Teacher:

The Poppy Appeal

On Monday, we offered our prayers in assembly to the French people following the tragic events that unfolded on Friday; we will continue to keep them in our prayers during the week. The children as you would expect responded quietly and reflectively. We must remember that it is a time when we all need to give our messages of reassurance and be ready to support our children because some feel worried and concerned. Some of the children did say that this was the beginning of WW3 and they needed reassuring that this was not the case but it is a reminder of how vulnerable our children feel at times.

The children in all classes are writing their own special prayer to be offered at our Friday Youth Liturgy.

The donations that flooded in on the Guy Fawkes themed day have been donated to the Poppy Appeal and as soon as we find out the total amount raised I will let you know.



Coming Up!

We have lots of exciting events planned for the rest of this term including Yr5's Big Sing, Yr4 visit to Bede's World, our KS2, Christmas Concert, KS1 and Nursery Nativities and Christmas Lunch. With this in mind can I meet with Mrs. Riley's parents group that met last half term on the 27th November at 2:00pm to talk about Christmas Festivities, Learning Walks in school and any other business that may arise; tea and coffee will be provided.

Our School Council attended an event at Boldon School yesterday to receive a FAB Award in recognition of outstanding Anti-Bullying work at our school. The Head Boy and Girl and school council made a fantastic presentation to members of Services to Young People, other schools and local dignitaries. Well done to everyone in school on achieving this award. As our children said to our advisors.....

"We all get along at St Mary's."

St. Mary's Facebook Page

Thank you to those that have 'Liked' our Facebook Page and for the supportive comments that we have received since September.

May I ask however that any queries in regard to school 'life' are made through the school office so that the appropriate staff member can respond personally - Thank you for your support.

School Website

Our school website is under maintenance at present, we hope to have all relevant information on-line as soon as we can, this takes quite a while but we will keep you informed.

Parents Night

Thank you to all parents / carers who attended their child's parents open afternoon / evening. This was very well attended; any follow ups required or requested will be actioned immediately. Please let us know what you thought of this year's arrangements with regards booking an appointment and using the hall.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, 17th and 18th November Parents' Meetings
- Monday, 30th November - St. Andrew's Day themed lunch
- Christmas Concert - Yr3 - Yr6 @ 2:00pm - all parent welcome - tea/coffee and mince pies
- The Big Sing - Yr. 5 @ St. Matthews Church @ 4:00pm further details to follow
- Nursery Nativity - 9.30am and 1.30 pm
- Monday, 14th December - KS1 Nativity @ 1:00pm
- Tuesday, 15th December - School Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday, 16th December - KS1 (Infants) Party 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Thursday, 17th December - KS2 (Juniors) Disco 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Friday, 18th December - Christmas Mass @ 1:00pm
- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday, 21st December - Monday, 4th January 2016
- In-service Day - Friday, 12th February
- HALF TERM - Monday, 15th February - Friday, 19th February
- Monday, 22nd February - Y5 Bikeability
- Tuesday, 23rd February - Y4 Bikeability
- EASTER HOLIDAY - Thursday, 24th March - Friday, 8th April
- HALF TERM - Monday, 30th May - Friday, 3rd June
- In-service Day - Friday, 17th June
- SUMMER HOLIDAY - Thursday, 21st July - Friday, 2nd September

<http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/23468/Find-a-school-and-school-holiday-dates>

School Nursing Service

The School Nurse has been in school to give some of our children the Flu Vaccination and will be in school on Thursday, 26th November to weigh and measure our Reception class.

If you have received a form to complete please return it back to school for them to pick it up as soon as possible.

Outstanding Money to School

Can I remind all parent/carers that if they would like their child to attend any of the afterschool clubs e.g.

- Grassroots
- Cheerleading
- Guitar
- Take A Break Club

...payment should be received before they take up the session. School has recently completed a school financial audit by STMBC and Miss Smith has been instructed to inform parents that this is best practice and something we must continue in school.

She will be contacting parents in due course who have outstanding arrears including dinner money.



Thank all those who supported Operation Christmas Child and donated a box or items for this worthy cause.

The boxes have now been picked up and the late arrivals into school will be dropped off in time for them to be delivered for Christmas.

The number of boxes this year is:

58

Key Project

Thank you for donating items for the Key Project, they have now been boxed up and will be dropped at the centre very soon.