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St. Mary's RC Primary School

February/March 2017 Newsletter



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Mrs. Graham - Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading week has started here at St Mary's and all of the children and staff are having such an exciting time with all of the different activities that have been planned. Year 6 are as I type are acting out part of a David Walliam's book which they will showcase to the whole school this afternoon. Today is no pen day which has really captured the children's interests and surprised staff!

It is great to see that most of our lunch time equipment has arrived and the children are playing with it very sensibly. The staff and I have noticed a very positive impact on behaviour during this break as they now have resources that keeps them focused and something to share with their friends. The school council are still looking at more resources to enhance their break times, scooters was the latest thing they were discussing, I am sure they will keep you posted.

news@stmarys

Thank you to all our parent/carers who have e-mailed news@stmarysjarrow.co.uk with their child's information. If you have not already done so it's not too late to receive school information electronically, school also has a Facebook Page and all school related information e.g. holiday date, school policies, can be found at www.stmarysjarrow.co.uk

Oscar Romero

Having begun on the 99th birthday of Blessed Oscar Romero, school is celebrated the Archbishop Romero Centenary in February.

Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador. He was assassinated on Monday March 24th 1980 as he was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Divine Providence cancer hospital where he lived. Thirty five years later, he was declared a martyr of the Church, killed out of hatred of the faith, and was beatified on May 23rd 2015.

Pancake Races

School took part in Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races on the infant yard, pupils showed the teaching staff how to throw pancakes and run at the same time or fall down as Mrs. Smith did however she still saved her pancake! We all had great time - thank you to Miss Reville for making our pancakes. Photographs can be found on the school's Website/Facebook page.



Lent 2017

Lent is the time when we prepare for the greatest of festivals known as Easter, Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, 1st March and will continue for 46 days.

Children have been bringing home Lenten bags to share with their family and school will be holding Holy Week Liturgies, further information to follow.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day will take place on Friday, 24th March 2017; school will continue to support Red Nose Day by holding a non-uniform day with a £1.00 donation per family.



I'm a Teacher Get Me Out Of Here!! - will take place on the afternoon of Friday, 'teachers' have signed themselves up to take part in this gruelling event to raise more money. The winner of this event will leave school immediately and cannot return to their room for their possessions! Mrs. Tumelty will cover for the staff member whom has won and must leave school.

Red Noses have been on sale from the school office and they have already sold 160! Mrs. Smith has placed a new order and is hoping to receive them soon - watch for more boxes appearing in the school office window.

St. Mary's Reading Week

Don't forget on Friday 16th March pupils can come to school dressed as a Character from their favourite book - please can they bring their book into school to show their class. I'm sure the 'teachers' will enjoy taking part too. Year 1 have a separate letter that has been sent out as they are going on a trip and may need to get changed.

School Uniform

As the year is flying by - the office staff are now preparing with the school uniform distributor for end of academic year ordering. The date set for the confirmed delivery for July distribution is FRIDAY, 9TH JUNE, order forms should reach the school office before this date with the full cost of the uniform required.

Wanted

We are always willing to accept the following items in school - old wellingtons, gardening resources for Forest School, underwear socks, tights for those little accidents - thank you in advance.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES



MARCH	14 TH	Yr4 Bikeability
	w/c 20 th - 24 th	St. Mary's Reading Week
	21 ST	You've Been Flushed Pantomime - KS1 am & KS2 pm
	24 TH	Reception Parent/Carer Mother's Day Lunch @ 12:30pm prompt
	24 TH	Red Nose Day - Non-uniform £1 donation per family
APRIL	w/c 10 TH - 21 ST	EASTER HOLIDAYS
MAY	w/c 8 TH - 11 TH	KS2 SAT's
	14 TH - 17 TH	Yr6 Dukes House Wood Residential
	15 TH - 19 TH	Travelling Books
	w/c 29 TH - 4 TH June	SUMMER HALF TERM
JUNE	5 TH - 7 TH	Yr5 Ford Castle Residential
	w/c 12 TH	KS1 Phonics Week
JULY	20 TH	SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN

FURTHER DATES MAY BE ADDED TO EACH NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you over this half term.

Mrs Graham

Head Teacher