



Work, play, pray - together

Dear Parents/Carers,

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St Mary's Science Week

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

During the week beginning Monday 5th March the children at St. Mary's will be taking part in Science Week. The theme of the week will be **Mission Impossible**. We have lots of activities planned to get the children excited and engaged about science, including visits by Science Buddies Ltd and Newcastle University Outreach.

Each year group will be taking part in a series of exciting science investigations using as much first-hand experience as possible. These will include opportunities for using I.C.T. (computers), data handling and lots of active research by the children.

We will end our Science week on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** with a very special Mission Impossible themed day. On this day the children can come into school dressed as a spy, a detective or a special agent! There will be **no** family contribution as this is part of the school curriculum.

St Mary's Reading Week

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

We are holding a St. Mary's Reading Week during the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of April. We will **not** be celebrating National World Book Day in March. We do understand that the children want to celebrate on this day as they see other children celebrating the day, so we would like them to bring in their favourite book on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The reason that we hold our reading day at a different time is that it is easier to secure authors and arrange visits at times when other schools do not need them. We also need to find a clear week in the very busy school diary, so that the most can be made out of the week.

The theme of the week will be **Back To The Future**. We have lots of activities planned to get the children motivated about reading, this involves no pen day, author visits, trips and competitions. Last year this was a great success, even though some teachers tried to get the children to use pens on no pen day!

We will end our Reading week on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April** with Back To The Future day. On this day the children can come into school dressed as a character from the future or the past. You will receive more information about this nearer the time.

Thanking you,

Mrs. Reid. Science Lead

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