

St Mary's Catholic School

Growing together in knowledge, faith and love



Dear All

Welcome back to the new Spring Term 2018 and Happy New Year!

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term but would like to share some important dates with you. This term is extremely important for our Year 6 and Year 2 children as they prepare for their SATS tests in the



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Year 2 on 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm

Year 6 on 17<sup>th</sup> January following on from their curriculum assembly which will start at 9am.

Year 1/Reception 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm

If you are unavailable for this time, please let the class teacher know and we can arrange a second meeting or for you to receive the handouts.

This term we will be starting our curriculum assemblies once again, these start at 9.10am. The assemblies will be led by the class and parents are invited to attend. These are followed by a book look in class for parents.

Year 6 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Year 4 Tuesday 27th February

Year 3 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

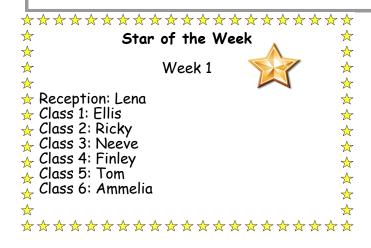
Reception Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Last year we started producing termly reports for parents which has received very positive feedback. Your child's report this term will be on 7<sup>th</sup> March followed by parents evenings on 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to attend due to work commitments, please could you let the class teacher know and we will arrange another appointment for you.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March and the children will be invited to come to school dressed as a book character. We will also be celebrating World Maths Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March when will be inviting parents into school at the beginning of the day to work alongside their child in class on maths activities. World Science Day is on 14th March., more on this will follow.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding a Parent Forum at 2pm, all welcome to attend. There will be an inset day on 19<sup>th</sup> February and school will be closed to children.

Have a great weekend, Demelza Bolton



### Important Items in this newsletter:

- Dates
- Attendance
- Worship Group
- Class Representatives

# **Class** Attendance

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☆ ★ Each week classes have the opportunity to win the attendance prize. Our overall school ☆ ☆ \* attendance at the end of last term was 94.8%. The national figure for attendance is ☆  $\stackrel{\frown}{\sim}$ 96%. I would like to ask for your commitment to making sure that your child attends ☆  $\bigstar$ ☆ \* school every day possible this year. The evidence is clear that children with good attend-☆ ☆ 🖈 ance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to high 🖕 pupil achievement. Every day counts! Missing school even 10% of the time has a signifi- $\frac{1}{2}$ ★ cant negative impact on reading and maths achievement as children progress through ☆ ☆ ጵ school. An increasing number of children are also arriving late to school. The school ☆  $\bigstar$ 🖌 gates are open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. Please could you make sure your child is in ☆  $\star$  school for the close of the register at 9am.  $\bigstar$  $\bigstar$  $\stackrel{\frown}{\sim}$ 

#### Worship Group

I am delighted with the amount of children who put their names forward to be part of the schools Worship group. These children will have a range of responsibilities around the school such as: arranging the focal point for Collective Worship, leading the school prayer, reading prayer intentions in Assembly, arranging the Chapel for children who would like to use it at lunch times and supporting Mrs Mace-Bulter with RE. This terms Worship Group are: Neeve, Lottie, Liam, Vesta, Kirsten, Hania, Vicky, Tom, Tazeena and Ammelia

#### Class Representatives

When visitors are shown around the school we have 2 representatives from each class who greet our guests and tell them what the class are currently learning. The class representatives for this term are:

> Year 1 Ellie and Natan Year 2 Michael and Layla Year 3 Deina and Filip Year 4 Harriett and Vesta Year 5 Brianna and Maisie Year 6 Tazeena and Josh

# Swimming Pool

As you are aware a lot of hard work went into opening our school swimming pool and we are extremely lucky to have this fantastic resource. In being able to re open the pool we had to ensure that it was a viable resource. Already, at only 1 term in, we are running the pool at a loss. Please could you ensure that you contribute towards your child's swimming lessons to be able to keep this fantastic resource open.

### School Uniform

School uniform for boys is a white shirt, green jumper, green school tie, grey trousers, dark socks and black school shoes, not trainers.

For girls- bottle green or tartan dress/ skirt, white blouse, green cardigan, green school tie, white socks and black school shoes.

Long hair should be tied back with appropriate hair accessories, this does not include large bows. Small stud earrings may be worn but need to be removed for swimming and PE, no other jewellery should be worn.

As the weather has got much colder, children may wear tracksuits for outdoor PE.

This is school policy, part of the Home School Agreement, so please see the class teacher if for any reason your child is not wearing the correct uniform.

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	<u>Dates for your</u>	Diary
Spring Term 2018		
Monday 15th January	Year 2	SATs meeting 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th January	Year 6	Curriculum Assembly
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Thursday 25th January	All	Parent Forum
Friday 26th January	•	Phonics and Reading meeting 2.30pm
Wednesday 31st January	Year 5	Curriculum Assembly
Thursday 1st February	All	Candlemas Mass in school 9.30am
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th Febr	uary	Half term holiday
Monday 19th February	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 20th February	All	Return for second half Spring Term
Tuesday 27th February	Year 4	Curriculum Assembly
Thursday 1st March	All	World Book Day
Wednesday 7th March	All	World Maths Day
Wednesday 7th March	All	Reports out
Thursday 8th March	Year 3	Curriculum Assembly
Tuesday 13th March	All	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th March	All	World Science Day
Wednesday 14th March	Year 2	Curriculum Assembly
Thursday 15th March	All	Passiontide Mass in school 9.30am
Thursday 15th March	All	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st March	Year 1	Curriculum Assembly
Wednesday 28th March	Reception	Curriculum ASsembly
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April		Easter Break
<u>Summer Term 2018</u>		
Monday 16th April	All	Return for Summer Term
Thursday 26th April	All	Easter Mass in Church 10am
Week Beginning 14th May	Year 6	SATs week
Week Beginning 7th and 14th May	Year 2	SATs weeks
Thursday 24th May	All	Mass of Our Lady in School 9.30am
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June		Half term holiday
Monday 4th June	All	, Return for second half Summer Term
, Friday 29th June	All	St Peter and Paul Mass in Church 10am
Thursday 19th July	All	Leavers Mass in School 9.30am
Monday 23rd July	All	INSET DAY—School closed

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