



St. Mary's Newsletter

April 2019



At St. Mary's we aim to provide an environment for all members of our school community where positive attitudes to learning and creativity are promoted and valued within the context of Christian belief and practice.

Core Christian Values: Compassion, Friendship, Koinonia and Trust.

Christian Values: Thankfulness

This half-term we are focussing on thankfulness.

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.
Psalm 28:7*

Mrs Holliday

Unfortunately Mrs Holliday is suffering from post viral fatigue and is currently off work until further notice. We have been fortunate in that we have been able to book Mrs Dodds, one of our regular and trusted supply teachers, to work in Class One alongside Mrs Boast, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Bedford. This will ensure continuity of learning for our children. I am sure that you join with me in wishing Mrs Holliday a speedy recovery.

Music Concert

A reminder that our Music Concert is being held on Friday 5th April at Askham Bryan College Conference Hall, starting at 6pm, with doors opening at 5.45pm. We look forward to welcoming you to this musical extravaganza!

Easter Egg Competition

A reminder that our annual Easter Egg Competition will be held on Tuesday 9th April. Please could we ask that any entries be brought in that morning, between 8.30am and 8.45am, thank you.

National Curriculum Assessments

Next term will be very busy with the

children sitting their annual assessments. Year 2 to Year 4 children will begin their assessments the week beginning Tuesday 7th May and Year 5 assessments and Year 6 SAT tests will commence Monday 13th May. These tests are important in that they help inform our ongoing teacher assessments, plus help prepare our children for any tests in future years. It is very important that we have full attendance leading up to and during this time and that children are of course, well-rested and well-fed! Thank you.

Primary School Reception Places

Please be informed that we have been advised from the York City Council that parents should receive confirmation of allocation of Primary School places, either by email if this has been requested or via a letter on Tuesday 16th April. Children resident outside the York Local Authority area will be informed directly from their Local Authority. If you are successful in securing a place at St. Mary's, there will be a welcome meeting for parents at the start of next term. Due to how late Easter is this year, this will not now be on May 1st. A new date and further information will follow pending confirmation of your place.

Friends of St Mary's

As ever, our FOSM team work extremely hard to raise money for the children at school. St Crux was a great success raising a very impressive £633 and our Bingo Night was attended by 44 pupils from across the school. All money raised is spent on

resources and activities for children across the school, so thank you for everyone's continued hard work and support.

School Sport

Our Year 5/6 hockey team took part in the Peter Feasby Celebration Tournament last week. The team performed superbly and won three games, and drew one game, and have therefore qualified for the finals! This takes place next week and we wish our children the very best of luck.

In addition, our school football team have continued their winning streak, beating Rufforth twice and St Lawrence's. We currently sit top of the table and play our final league game against Heworth this week, hoping to qualify for the Primary Champions League—good luck to all involved!

School Uniform Stall

The next school uniform stall will take place on Monday 8th April, from 8.30-8.45am.

York Music Service

York Music Service provides peripatetic music lessons in schools for pupils of all ages for woodwind (flute, recorder, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone), brass (trumpet, cornet, trombone, French horn, tenor horn and more), strings (violin, viola, cello), percussion, keyboard, guitar and singing. For further information visit www.yorkmusicservice.co.uk or email: enquiry@yorkmusicservice.co.uk

Booking arrangements for St. Mary's Out of School Club

For further information, bookings or to change an after school session, please contact Ceri on 07506 344653 or send an email to stmarysoosc@gmail.com. The mobile will be on daily from 7:00am until 7:00pm and emails are picked up immediately. However, between 3pm and 6pm, you may also ring School House on 01904 777072.

If you need a session in an emergency and you can't get a response from the mobile then you can still contact the school on 01904 707125 where arrangements will be made for that day, **although this option should be used for emergencies only.**

Governor profile

In each newsletter we are providing a Governor profile so that you can get to know our school Governors.

Steve Jones: Headteacher

I was appointed Headteacher of St. Mary's Church of England Primary School in October 2016, having previously been Deputy Headteacher at the school for 9 years. I strongly believe in the development of all children as individuals and learners, offering many different and varied experiences to promote this. During my time as Headteacher at St. Mary's, we have successfully maintained our Outstanding grading following our Section 48 Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools.

I initially moved to York in 1999 to undertake my PGCE in Primary Education at St. John's University. Once completed, I was fortunate enough to obtain a teaching position at Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School, teaching there for 7 years.

In my spare time I enjoy playing golf and football, along with spending time with family and friends, especially all my many nephews and nieces.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 5th: Music Concert at Askham Bryan College, 6pm (doors open at 5.45pm)
- Tuesday 9th: Easter Egg Competition
- Friday 12th: Easter Service at St Mary's Church, 2.15pm
- Monday 15th: Holiday starts
- Monday 29th: Term starts
- Wednesday 1st May: Year 3/4 swimming starts