



St. Mary's Newsletter

July 2019



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

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.

Christian Values: Hope

This half term we are focussing on the Christian value of Hope.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honour depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 62:5-8

Mrs Nina Read and Mrs Mandy Newby

Our congratulations go to Mrs Nina Read who has accepted a new post at Headlands Primary School, starting in September. Mrs Read has been an invaluable member of our St Mary's family as a parent, volunteer, teaching assistant and supply teacher for 12 years and her enthusiasm and positivity will be greatly missed by us all.

At the end of term, Mrs Mandy Newby will also be finishing her role supporting Class 4. She has been working with us on Wednesdays for the past 3 years and will also be missed by us all.

We wish both Mrs Read and Mrs Newby every success and happiness in the future.

Healthy Schools' Week

The children had a fantastic week learning about how to keep healthy from a variety of visitors. This has included Freddy Fit, North Yorkshire Police, Tesco, North Yorkshire Fire Service and our Healthy School Nurse team. Thank you to all of the staff for making the week so successful and great fun.

Sports Day, FOSM BBQ and Bake Off

Unfortunately we were defeated by the weather, following all the recent rain, resulting in the two days set aside for our Sports Day and BBQ were both washed out. Our FOSM team have planned an end of year party for the children and parents on Monday 15th July at Acomb Cricket Club (details sent out by FOSM) and all being well

we will be back up and running next year with our Sports Day—weather permitting! We were still able to continue with the Bake Off Competition, where Mrs Kath Speed and Mrs Sandra Hayes, our school cooks, were very happy to fulfil the role of judges for the competition! We would like to congratulate all our bakers for the delicious cakes that they prepared for this event. Special congratulations however must go to our two winners, Ferdie and Mrs Watson. Thank you also to those who were able to visit our pop up café, which was a resounding success and raised £152 for buying important resources for the children in school.

Times Table Tussle

The children had great, competitive fun at our annual 'Times Table Tussle' competition today. Well done to everyone for participating and trying their very best! A special well done however must go to our winners from each group—Grace, Iris, Jessica, Ellie, Will, Maia, Tom and Betsy. Thank you to Mrs Gee and Mrs Beighton for organising this for the children.

Purple Mash, My Maths and Bug Club

Purple Mash, My Maths and Bug Club are IT programmes funded by FOSM and available for all the children to access at home as well as school. Each child has their own log in details, and there are great activities for your child to enjoy, all linked to the National Curriculum.

Holidays in Term Time

Please remember that holidays undertaken in term time are generally unauthorised under government legislation and you may receive a fine from the Local Authority. Schools can only authorise term time absence in exceptional circumstances.

School Lunches

Due to a rise in costs from our catering company, there will be an increase in the

cost of a school lunch by 10p to £2.25 from the start of the new school year. The cost of a school lunch has fortunately been the same for several years now, however, with the increase in costs with our catering company, reluctantly we have had to make this change. The quality of the meals prepared by our cooks, that many of you will have enjoyed tasting at our Parents' Evenings over the years, hopefully softens the blow of this increase.

A letter will also be sent out shortly regarding the school lunch options for Year 2 children next year. To date they have all enjoyed the Universal Free School Meals and we would encourage them to continue with a hot, tasty and healthy school lunch next year.

Lunches must be paid for in advance either weekly, half-termly or termly using ParentPay. You may choose to have a two day (Monday, Tuesday), three day (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) or full week option.

Lunches are priced at £2.25 per day. Reception and Key Stage 1 children will continue to have Universal Free School Meals.

Key Stage One Cross Country

Very well done to our Key Stage One Cross Country participants who ran against pupils from other primary schools on June 18th. They all did extremely well, with Will finishing third, Charlie second & Iris first in their races—well done one and all!

Big Sing Challenge Cup

This year's Big Sing Challenge is taking place on Tuesday 9th July. The classes will be performing their songs to the school from 9.15am. Following this, from 2.30pm to approximately 2.50pm, each class will perform their song for any parents who would like to come and see them.

Sports' Celebration Evening

On Tuesday 16th July, children who have represented St Mary's in a sporting event will be invited with their parents to our annual Sports' Celebration Evening to celebrate their sporting achievements over the year.

YoYo

On Thursday 27th June, YoYo came to work with our Year 6 group on transition, in advance of their move to secondary school. Thank you to the YoYo team for helping us support our children at this time of change

for them.

School Uniform Stall

The final school uniform stall of the school year will take place on Monday 8th July, from 8.30am to 8.45am. A big thank you to Mrs Barratt for running this for us again this year.

Red Bin

On Wednesday 17th July, all named items from the Red Bin will be returned and unnamed items will be sent to a charity shop. Please pay it a visit if your child has lost any items of clothing before this time.

Governor Profile

In each newsletter we are providing a Governor profile so that you can get to know our school Governors. This month it is from Professor Kiran Fernandes, one of our Parent Governors:

I was elected as a parent governor at the end of 2017 having applied as a parent with my eldest son now attending and well settled into the school. I work as a Professor & Associate Dean in Durham University and specialise in modelling innovation in supply chains. I spend a great deal of time working with students in Durham University and feel that my skills as an HE educator can support the school with any pedagogy & finance advice. As a parent governor, I want to ensure that all children are all getting a fair, equal, just and most importantly, well-rounded education.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 9th July: Big Sing Challenge Cup
- Monday 15th July: FOSM end of year party, Acomb Cricket Club, 4-6pm
- Tuesday 16th July: Sports' Celebration Evening, 5.30pm—invitation only
- Friday 12th July: Leavers' Assembly 2.00-3.00pm—Year 6 parents only
- Friday 12th July: Reports out to parents
- Friday 19th July: Last day of term
- Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September: Staff Training Days
- Wednesday 4th September: Term begins

Thank you for your continued help and support.