



St. Mary's Newsletter

March 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 the Christian value of 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 Cooper's Award

Before half-term the Mrs Cooper's Award was presented to Max for progressing well as an individual and as a learner, producing impressive work throughout the half-term. Huge congratulations Max!

Annual Awesome Award

Our school catering company have awarded our very own Sandra Hayes with the annual Awesome Award. Sandra won one of the monthly awards last year for supporting her colleague Kath Speed when her husband sadly passed away. Sandra was then chosen by the directors of the catering company as the overall annual winner. Many congratulations to Sandra for this very special award and for being such a caring and supportive individual and colleague.

Music Concert

Our annual Music Concert will take place on Friday 5th April, starting at 6pm, at Askham Bryan College. Though not all children participate in this event, we invite all parents and children to attend if you would like to celebrate the many musical talents of our children.

Easter Service

We will be celebrating Easter at our annual service at St Mary's Church on Friday 12th April. The service will start at 2.15pm and we

warmly welcome you all to join us. Please be aware that space in church is limited.

Friends of St. Mary's Film Night

On Friday 8th February, our FOSM hosted another Film Night here in school. Around 70 children enjoyed the great film 'Early Man' whilst munching on popcorn and cuddling their teddies! Thank you to our FOSM team for putting this event on for the children and for all the parent helpers that were on hand to watch the film too! This event raised an impressive £122 which will be used to purchase further resources for our children here in school. Thank you one and all.

Details for our FOSM Bingo Afternoon on Friday 22nd March will follow shortly.

Secondary Transition

Parents of Year 6 children will be informed of their allocated secondary places on March 1st. For parents within the City of York, results of applications will be available from 10.00am. Parents within North Yorkshire County Council will receive an email if you applied online and can view the offer by accessing your online account, otherwise you will be sent a letter by second class post on March 1st. If you have not received information on your allocated school by these times, please contact North Yorkshire Admissions Team on 01609 533679 or by email at schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk, or City of York council admissions team on 01904 551554 or email: education@york.gov.uk Any parent wishing to discuss changing their preferences or appealing against the decision are advised to phone or email the members of the School Service Team in their Local Authority who will be able to offer further support and advice.

Safeguarding

The constantly evolving digital world means a steady influx of new apps and games and can be hard for parents to keep track of. The NSPCC believe that it is important for parents to talk regularly with children about these apps and games and the potential risks they can be exposed to. They publish advice and guidance for parents on discussing online safety with their children, as well as Net Aware www.net-aware.org.uk - the UK's only parental guide to social media and gaming apps. If parents are concerned or have any questions on how to approach the subject with your children, you can contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or visit the NSPCC website. Children who are feeling worried about their activity on apps or online games can contact Childline 24 hours a day, online and over the phone, on 0800 1111 or by visiting www.Childline.org.uk.

Please may we remind parents of Key Stage 1 children to write in your child's planner whether they will be collected, on the bus, need taking to Out of School Club, or at an after-school club each day. These planners are checked every day by staff to ensure children get home safely. Key Stage 2 children are asked to complete a home-time register themselves each day with this information and are therefore expected to know how they are getting home each day. You may choose to write this in their planner for them, though these will not be checked by staff. We appreciate that home-time arrangements may change during the day and if this occurs parents **must** phone school to inform us of the change, to ensure the safety of your child at the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sport in School

This half-term sees the school football team playing their matches, the continuation of the Year 3/4 Football Club on Fridays after school, a Year 1/2 Dance Club on Mondays after school and the Year 5/6 Peter Feasby Celebration Hockey Tournament—good luck to all our competitors! We try to offer as many sporting opportunities as possible for a small school and are very grateful to you, our parents, for your support from the side-lines, providing transport

and washing kit!

School Uniform Stall

The next school uniform stall will take place on Monday 11th March, 8.30-8.45am. A big thank you to Mrs Barratt for all her hard work in running this for parents.

Governor Profile

In each newsletter we provide a Governor profile so that you can get to know our school Governors. This month it is from Mrs Inger Russon who is one of our Co-opted Governors: I have been a member of the governing body since 2014 after being elected as a Co-opted Governor. I have two children currently at St Mary's and another one currently in pre-school but very excited about joining his sisters. I come from a background of IT project management having worked for a large communications company but have recently taken time out to focus on our family. In my spare time I enjoy practicing yoga and playing netball.

Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 7th: World Book Day
- Thursday 7th: Reception & Y1 Phonics & Reading Workshop, 5.30pm
- Saturday 9th: FOSM St Cruz
- Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th: Class 1 Parents' Evenings
- Tuesday 19th: SATs evening for Year 2 and 6 parents, 5.30pm
- Friday 22nd: FOSM Bingo Afternoon
- Friday 5th April: Music Concert at Askham Bryan College, 6.00pm
- Friday 12th April: Easter Service at St. Mary's Church, 2.15pm
- Friday 12th April: School closes at 3.15pm
- Monday 29th April: School re-opens

Thank you for your continued help and support.