



# St. Mary's Newsletter

November 2017



*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.***

## **Welcome back**

I hope that you have had a fun half-term and are looking forward to all the exciting events leading up to Christmas!

## **Christian Values: Justice**

This half term we are focussing on 'Justice'. The display in the school hall explores what this means to us.

'But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream.'  
Amos 5:24

## **Mrs Cooper's Award**

Mrs Cooper's Award is a very special award that is presented every half term to a child who has displayed outstanding personal qualities and Christian values. The award for the first half-term was presented to William Adie. Mrs Beighton mentions that William is very friendly and respectful towards his peers and adults, plus that he is a great role model in school.

## **Remembrance Day**

We will be holding our Remembrance Service for children and staff on Friday 10th November. Poppies have been ordered and should arrive in school today. The poppies will be available for KS1 pupils from 8.30–8.45am in KS1, and will be taken to the KS2 classes afterwards for the rest of the week. This will be carried out by School Council members. Remember to wear your poppy with pride.

## **Children in Need**

This year the School Council have planned a spotty non-uniform day and a bake sale to raise money for Children in Need, which will take place on Friday 17th November. More information will follow shortly.

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

As part of Anti-Bullying Week we have booked a workshop for each class to participate in to understand the effect of bullying and what we can do to help others in need. This will be taking place on Monday 13th November.

## **Local MP visit**

On Friday 17th November, as part of UK Parliament Week, we have York Outer MP Julian Sturdy coming to visit school. He will be speaking to children about what his role as a Member of Parliament involves.

## **School Sport**

Last month we participated in the High 5 (Netball) competition at Manor CE Academy. Our team thoroughly enjoyed their matches against difficult opponents.

The school football team have played their first league match and have unfortunately been knocked out of the Primary Cup, losing to St George's.

On Thursday 9th November we have York City Football Club Foundation running their 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind' workshop with all classes. PE kits will be needed for this session.

Tennis Tots will also be running a taster session with all classes later this month when PE kits will again be needed. The date for this will be confirmed via Parentmail.

### **Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)**

A huge thank you to FOSM for all the hard work that they do for our children. The Quiz Night was a roaring success with over £1400 raised! Thank you to all who organised the event and donated gifts. A special thank you must go to Mr Bray who kindly gave us use of The Chequers and provided the food free of charge—an extremely generous gift for which we are very thankful. The money will be spent on further resources, in school events and visits for the children throughout school.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to our parent helpers at the Book Fair—Mrs Bell, Mrs Carter, Mrs Kay and Mrs Brookman. With all the books that you bought, we raised over £235 which will be used to buy more resources for the children.

### **Messy Church**

The next session at Askham Richard Church Hall is on Sunday 12th November from 3:30-5:30pm. Everyone is welcome but children need to be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. This month's theme is 'Peace and Comfort'.

### **School uniform stall**

The next school uniform stall will take place on Monday 13th November, 8.30-8.45am. This will include both new and nearly new items at reduced prices. Thank you to Mrs Barratt for kindly continuing to run and organise this for parents and school.

### **Winter Clothing**

As the weather turns more seasonal, please ensure that your child has a coat, hat, scarf

and gloves for playtimes. All items of clothing must be named. Children are allowed to wear boots or wellingtons during playtimes, however, these must be changed into school shoes for indoors. This helps us keep the carpets and school clean.

### **Winter Weather**

In times of ice and snow, the priority is the safety and wellbeing of children, parents and staff. If you are able to transport your child safely, please ensure that they are appropriately dressed for the cold and wet weather.

May I also remind parents of the school's 'Snow Procedures'. If the decision is made to close the school, a message will be relayed to Minster FM and Radio York as soon as possible. It will also be placed on the school's website, as soon as possible: [www.stmarysprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stmarysprimaryschool.co.uk) Please listen carefully in the morning to the local radio for information about school closures. This would be our only means of communication with parents in these circumstances.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- Friday 10th: FOSM Film Night, 3.15-5.00pm
- Monday 13th: School uniform stall, 8.30-8.45am
- Friday 17th: Children in Need spotty non-uniform and bake sale
- Thursday 30th: Years 1-4 flu vaccinations
- Thursday 30th: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling parent information session, 5.30pm
- Friday 1st December: Training Day (school closed)
- Saturday 9th December: Christmas Fair 12.00-2.00pm