



St. Mary's Newsletter

October 2018



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: Creation

We are continuing to focus on our Christian value of Creation this half-term.

**The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

Psalm 19:1

St. Mary's Harvest Service

A reminder that our Harvest Service will be starting at 2.15pm on Friday 12th October at St. Mary's Church. We look forward to seeing you all to celebrate Harvest with us.

FOSM Film Night

This Friday on the 5th of October, FOSM invite all pupils to attend a Film Night in the school hall. This will take place straight after school and refreshments will be served. The cost for each child to attend is £2 which should be sent to school with the permission slip. We are still looking for more parent helpers to ensure correct adult-pupil ratios, so if you would like to come and enjoy the film too, please let us know on your reply slip or by speaking with Mrs Godbolt in the school office.

Concerns

If you have any concerns regarding your child, or any other matter, please speak to your child's class teacher after school or before 8.45am. We are always happy to assist and support your child and family in any way that we can.

Reception places for 2019-2020

Applications for Reception places starting

September 2019 at St. Mary's can now be made. This can be done either online at www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions or alternatively you may request a paper 'Primary Application Form' from the Admissions Team on 01904 551554 or email: education@york.gov.uk. All applications must be made before 15th January 2019.

Applicants will be advised of their allocated school on National Offer Day, which is 16th April, 2019.

Secondary School places 2019-2020

Just a reminder that the closing date for secondary school places is Wednesday 31st October. Applicants will be advised of their allocated school on National Offer Day, which is 1st March, 2019. The City of York Council produces a 'Guide for Parents' for admissions for Primary and Secondary school places. This is available at www.york.gov.uk/guideforparents. For any queries, please contact education@york.gov.uk

Nut Allergy Aware School

St. Mary's is a nut allergy aware school. As we currently have individuals in school with nut allergies, please may I ask that items of food containing nuts are not included in any packed lunch or morning snack. Thank you for your compassion and understanding in this matter.

Safeguarding

The online safety and wellbeing of our children is very important to us all here at St. Mary's. Children undergo e-safety

lessons every half-term as part of our curriculum to support their understanding in this area. A website that parents may find useful is www.internetmatters.org which includes information on issues that children may experience, along with advice for parents including possible controls.

Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure that your child has a named coat at school for playtimes. Coats—and possibly hats, scarves & gloves! - will also be needed on Friday 12th October for the Harvest Service at St. Mary's Church.

Book Fair

The annual book fair will be held in school on the afternoons of Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th October from 3.15pm to 6.30pm. We are currently looking for parent helpers for the two afternoons. If you are able to help, even for a short time, please could you let Mrs Godbolt know. There will be some fabulous books at great prices! School will receive a percentage of the takings which is used to buy more books for the school library and all class libraries, so spend away to your hearts content!

Reception Children Photo

The photo of our new Reception children will be in The Press on October 10th.

School Governors

In each newsletter we are providing a Governor profile so that you can get to know our school Governors a little more. This month our Governor in profile is Mrs Glynis Ashford, one of our Foundation Governors. Mrs Ashford writes:

I live in Bilbrough where I am churchwarden. I have worked in education all my life, both in secondary education and further education as a SEN coordinator. My daughter and 2 of my grandchildren have

attended St. Mary's school and the compassion and support shown to my grandchildren at a tragic time in their young lives was incredible. This exemplifies the school ethos and how the core values are translated into the everyday life of the school.

Dates for your diary:

- 3rd October: Class 4 participation in Armistice Service at York Minster
- 5th October: FOSM Film Night, 3.15-5.00pm
- 8th October: School uniform sale, 8.30-8.45am
- 10th October: YoYo Explore Day for all classes
- 12th October: School Harvest Service at St. Mary's Church, 2.15pm
- 14th October: St. Mary's Church Harvest Festival, 9am
- 19th October: FOSM Quiz Night at The Chequers, Bilton-in-Ainsty, 7.30pm
- 22nd October: Individual School Photos
- 23rd & 25th October: Parents' Evenings & Book Fair, 3.15—6.30pm
- w/c 29th October: Half-term holiday
- 5th November: School term re-starts

Thank you for your continued help and support. Together we make St. Mary's a very special place for our children.