



Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School

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FRIDAY LETTER

6th January 2017



Happy New Year!

Reading at home give it a go!

Club News!

Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy New Year to you! I hope this year brings you lots of good fortune and happiness.

This term is the hard work term as we aim to ensure the children make good progress in their work. Reading expectations are higher now with the current curriculum. It is a good time of year to resolve to do new things. One of these, if you do not already do this, is to read with your child even if they are in Year Six. Sharing a book – taking turns reading aloud or discussing it will only help your child progress well in reading. And it does not just have to be a reading book from school. If you are unsure how to go about reading with your child, your child's teacher will happily give you tips!

Various after-school clubs recommence next week :

Day (Start Date)	Club	Year Groups	Teacher	Time
Monday 9.1.17 9.1.17	Gym/ Dance Recorders	KS2 Y6	Miss Owens Mr Groarke	3.30-4.30 12.45-1.15
Tuesday 10.1.17 10.1.17 17.1.17	Recorders Singing Club PAS	Y5 KS2 Rec-Y6	Mr Groarke Mrs Pickford PAS staff	12.45-1.15 3.30-4.30 3.30-4.30
Wednesday 11.1.17 11.1.17	Cookery Band	Y1&2 KS2	Mrs Armitage Mr Groarke	3.30-4.30 3.30-4.15
Thursday 12.1.17 12.1.17	Recorders Football	Y4 KS2	Mr Groarke OTIS staff	12.45-1.15 3.30-4.15
Friday 6.1.17 13.1.17	Gym/Dance Multi-sports (OTIS)	KS1	Miss Owens OTIS staff	3.30-4.30 3.30-4.30

Teachers will also be continuing their Monday after school Writing Booster groups this term and they will let you know if your child should attend.

First Holy Communion 2017

There will be a short meeting for parents after 9.30am Mass, this Sunday 8th January at Saint Mary's Church to talk about this year's programme.

NHS Screening Check for Year 6.

Please return the completed forms to school as soon as possible.

Fire Service Visit.

Next week the Fire Service will be coming into school to talk to Year 6 and Year 2 children about fire safety in the home. The children may talk to you at home about keeping safe after the presentations.

Crowned as our Star Pupils this week

Reception	★	Lewis
Year 1	★	Oscar
Year 2	★	Joseph
Year 3	★	Cole
Year 4	★	Charlie C
Year 5	★	Owen
Year 6	★	Hannah
Head teacher's Award	★	Phoebe

Awarded for a great start to the New Year.

Birthdays
Luke 9
Billy 9
Scarlet F 7
Jack 7
Sophie 7
Harry 5

Reception 2017
Applications deadline:

Sunday 15th January.

(Please ensure you have completed a Supplementary Form and returned it to the School Office by 13th January)

Snow Closures:

It is the season when Glossop grinds to a stop with snow. I do make every endeavour to keep the school open in adverse weather and it is only when staff who do not live locally cannot get to Glossop and conditions up to the school are a safety risk, do I close the school. If the school needs to close in an emergency, you will receive a text from the school in the first place. High Peak Radio will also list schools that are closed in regular bulletins. You can also check on the Derbyshire Website and the school website for information. *Please make sure that if you have changed your mobile number, that the school is aware of this so numbers can be updated to receive text notifications.*

The children have come back refreshed after their holiday although a little tired having to get up in these dark mornings! It has been lovely to see them all again!

Enjoy the weekend,

Mr S D Groarke
Head teacher



Diocese of Nottingham



Healthy Schools



Spring Term Diary Dates:

Tuesday 10th January
Fire Service visit to Yr2 and Y6
Tuesday 17th January
PAS starts 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 20th January
Friends of St. Mary's AGM
Monday 23rd January
Big Write Week
Sunday 29th January
Sacramental Programme begins
Friday 10th February
School Closes for half term holidays
Monday 20th February
School reopens
Wednesday 1st March
Ash Wednesday
Tuesday 7th
Parents Evening
Thursday 9th March
Parents Evening
Monday 13th March
Service of Reconciliation. 6.30pm
Thursday 16th March
School Photographs
Friday 24th March
Spring Fair 3.15-5pm
Tuesday 28th March
Full Governors Meeting
Friday 7th April
School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 24th April
School reopens for Summer Term.

(More dates will be added as the term progresses)

***Don't forget to make
sure your child has
his/her PE kit in
school!***