

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank-you to everyone who attended and supported our McMillan coffee morning last week! We raised £350 for this amazing cause and I would like to thank everyone who donated cakes or money to this event.

Last week saw a buzz of excitement around school as we embraced democracy and nominated our school councillors for the next academic year. The results were announced in a special assembly on Friday afternoon and are as follows:

- **Ribble Class:** Zoe Frankland & Jack Martin
- **Wharfe Class:** Tom Stockburn & Willow Philpott
- **Swale Class:** Cailan Wilson & Madeline Jones
- **Derwent Class:** Joshua Thorpe & Olivia McAvoy Smith
- **Calder Class:** Sam Anderson-Codman & Hannah Courts
- **Ouse Class:** Beth Whiley & Daniel Lack

Congratulations to all those pupils who have been elected and thank you to all pupils who put themselves forward for election, it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm from the children.

May I take this opportunity to thank those parents who have made positive comments about the new morning routine in school. I feel that this has made a positive impact on the way that pupils begin the school day and it is wonderful to hear that so many of you share this opinion.

Mr Talbot

### **Amazing Attendance!**

Last week I shared the news with the children that we have been presented with an 'Amazing Attendance' certificate by North Yorkshire County Council. This is in recognition of the hard work of the pupils, parents and staff who have been instrumental in improving the school's attendance to 96.77%. Well done everyone!

### **Twitter**

We are currently working on the development of a new school website, and as part of this we will be starting to use Twitter as an additional way to communicate information to parents. We will be incorporating this into the school website, but if you use Twitter, you will soon be able to see messages from the school on your mobile, tablet or PC – our Twitter name is @StMarysKnrsboro

### **Family Mass**

As previously indicated, there will be a family Mass in church on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. This is another wonderful opportunity for the school and parish to show unity and it would be lovely to see as many families there as possible on this date and both myself and Father William would love to see you to attend. Preparations for the Mass will begin in school this week.

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and would gratefully welcome your tinned food donations for this special event.

### **Cross Country & Swimming Gala**

In the past week we have taken part in both of these events and have performed wonderfully in both. Thank-you to all of the staff and parents who supported these events – it is greatly appreciated.

### **Training Day**

Please don't forget that Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October is a school INSET day and therefore the children will not be in school on this day.