St. Mary's News

Week 8 Monday 22nd October, 2018 (HT1)

Dear families

Last Thursday our children joined a million children around the world to pray for unity and peace. This was a request from Pope Francis and an ideal opportunity to pray the Rosary together during the month of October.

We have seen an increase in irresponsible and dangerous parking before and after school. The police will be monitoring this. Please be considerate to our children, parents and neighbours.

On Friday, we have the deadlines for both Foundation and parent Governor roles. There is still time to express an interest and stand for either role. The Bishop appoints foundation Governors and therefore the candidate needs to be Catholic. The parent Governor does not need to be Catholic but sympathetic to the ethos of the school. Information regarding both posts can be gained from myself, the school office or any current member of the Academy Council.

This year it is the 100 Year Anniversary of Armistice Day. We will be remembering the events through our curriculum in the days running up to Remembrance weekend. To mark such a significant anniversary we are creating a Remembrance Garden in the courtyard near the school library. Each child will be asked to bring a pebble/stone large enough to paint a poppy on straight after half term. Pale or white stones would be preferable. Any spare stones/ pebbles would be welcomed. They will then be placed in the garden. If a child knows of a relative, friend or neighbour who has died in a war, they can have the person's name written on a label and placed on our Remembrance wall. Each class will then spend time in prayer remembering those who have died. Please give details of names and dates of any person you wish to be remembered to your class teacher.

Helen Tomlinson

Sports News

Last Tuesday our Y4/5/6 swimmers competed in the Harrogate District Swimming Final against 15 other schools. We came joint 3rd. Our highest achievement in swimming to date. Well done to all involved.

This week we have the Sportshall athletics final. Good luck to all competing!

Our Family Prayer for the 29th Sunday of the Year

Servant God, show us how we can help others, so that all members of our global family can live free from hunger and poverty. Amen.

Happy Birthday!

Sophia C, Braedan K, Grey V, Owen H, Aaaron B, Daniel W, Lilly p, Thomas H

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year- Upcoming events:

Monday–10.30am Piano lessons; 12.00 School Council; 1.00 Crocus planting; 3.00pm Collective Worship

Tuesday –

Wednesday- HW Club and Mini-Vinnies 12.00; 12.00 Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Final; 3.00 Guitar Teacher in school; 2.45pm Whole school Hymn Practice with Mrs Crowther; 3.30 KS1 and EYFS Phonics Evening for parents

Thursday- 9.10am Year 1 Class Celebration Assembly; Y5/6 Football 2.15-4.30pm

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th October – School Closed Training Day; Holiday Club running 9.00 – 5.00pm
Friday 9th November - Reception New Starter and Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 16th November – Year 6 Celebration Assembly, 9.10am
Friday 23rd November – Year 5 Celebration Assembly, 9.10am
Friday 30th November - Year 4 Celebration Assembly, 9.10am
Friday 7th December – Year 3 Celebration Assembly, 9.10am
Friday 14th December - Year 2 Celebration Assembly 9.10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - PREPARATION COURSE

Preparation course for children currently in Year 3 and above for those not yet initiated into this sacrament. Wed 24th October 7pm Parents Meeting in the Old School Meeting room at church when all will be explained. Sunday 4th November Enrolment during the 10am Mass, followed by Session 1. Parents should email Father William with the name of their child and let him know if they want to enrol.

St. Mary's Primary School is looking for Foundation Governors to join its Academy Council. Such governors are appointed by the Bishop to be responsible for the Catholic ethos of the school and to hold school leaders to account for educational standards and financial performance. They must be practising Catholics, over 18 and committed to attending two meetings per term and visiting the school. The school would be particularly interested to hear from individuals who have an interest in education and particular skills in finance, marketing or human resources. If you have an interest, please contact Fr. William or the Head of School at the school. Closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 26th October 2018.

Contact School

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St Mary's Catholic Church
Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6pm,
Sunday 10am with Children's Church and Sunday 5pm
Parish Priest – Father William
www.stmarysknaresborough.org

Unity, Respect, Joy, Love, Courage