



# St. Mary's Newsletter

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## Spring 2017

This half term pupils have experienced exciting learning opportunities.

The NSPCC number day was a huge success raising £351 for NSPCC charity. Many thanks for your generosity.

KS2 participated in the BBC live lessons, Y4 visited St. Ambrose Barlow High School for a BiM IT workshop.

Some pupils and staff completed the defibrillator training.

The sacramental programme has commenced for those pupils making their First Holy Communion in May.

This term we have had an Art Therapist working with our pupils to address children's wellbeing issues. Our Art Therapist will continue her work in the school every Thursday.

### Parking

Please show consideration to our neighbours when parking your cars. The school continues to receive complaints regarding this matter.

The staff car park is for staff use only and NOT for parents.

### Attendance

The parents of pupils who have attendance below 95% will be provided with a letter regarding attendance.

Those pupils who continue to arrive late for school on a regular basis will also receive a copy of their late attendance. Please make sure your child is punctual for school and is in the classroom for 8:55am.

### Medicines

If your child requires medication during the school day, an authorisation form must be completed. Please call into the school office to complete a form. All medicines must come via the

school office, handed in by an adult.

### Medical Questionnaire

We are updating the medical information we hold in school for the children. A couple of weeks ago we handed out a medical questionnaire to fill and return to school if you have some information to report. Please make sure these relevant forms are returned to the school office.

### World Book Day events

On our first week back in school after half term we will have the Scholastic Book Fair in school, from Monday to Thursday. On Thursday 2 March children can come dressed as any character from a Julia Donaldson's book. There will be a £5 book voucher prize for a child in every class. Children will have the chance of 'Book Swap' on Friday 3 March. On Thursday 9 March author Christian Darkin will visit school to do an assembly and different workshops with children.

### Holidays Homework

To research an Artist whose work appeals to you. Write a fact file about the artist and produce your own picture in the style of the artist.

### Extra curricular clubs

Next term the Y6 SATs booster classes and the Journalism Club will continue. Art Club and Cross Country have now come to an end. Thanks you to the pupils who took part and to Mr Chadwick, Miss Crawshaw and Miss Sackfield for their time.

### Lost property trolley

From next half term all the lost property will be available on a trolley in the Key Stage 1 playground at the end of every school day, where parents can check for lost items. Whatever is left at the end of each half term will be disposed of.

## Diary Dates

**Mon 27 Feb** – School reopens

**Mon 27 to Thu 2 Mar** – Book fair in school

**Tue 28 Feb** – Sacramental Programme Lesson @ 3:30-4:20pm

**Wed 1 Mar** – Ash Wednesday

**Thu 2 Mar** – World Book Day. Theme: Julia Donaldson character

**Tue 7 Mar** – Reconciliation Service at St. Mary's Church @1:30pm

**Tue 7 Mar** – PTA meeting @ 2:45pm

**Tue 7 Mar** – Y6 SATs meeting for parents @ 4:30pm

**Thu 9 Mar** – Author visit to school

**Fri 10 Mar** – Year 2 Celebration Assembly @9:10am

**Tue 14 Mar** – Sacramental Programme Lesson @ 3:30-4:20pm

**Fri 17 Mar** – Year 1 Celebration Assembly @9:10am

**Sun 19 Mar** – Sacramental Programme Unit 4 Mass at St. Mary's Church @11:15am

**Fri 24 Mar** – Cluster Sports Event (some Y4 pupils)

**Fri 24 Mar** – Year 6 Celebration Assembly @9:10am

**Fri 24 Mar to Sun 26 Mar** – Y3 trip to Lledr Hall

**Fri 31 Mar** – Year 5 Celebration Assembly @9:10am

**Wed 5 Apr** – Parent's afternoon @ 2:30-5:30pm

**Mon 10 Apr** – Y3 & Y4 Easter Production @ 2:15pm

**Wed 12 Apr** – Stations of the Cross @9:30am (tea/coffee from 8:50am for those attending)

**Wed 12 Apr** – School closes for Easter Holidays @ 3:30pm

**Mon 24 Apr** – School reopens @ 8:45am