

NEWSLETTER

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The newsletter is distributed every Friday. It contains information that parents need to know about events, activities, fundraising etc. Please read your newsletter



Next Week school bus stop needed on:
Friday 19 January 2018
Yr 4 swimming returning approx. 3pm

WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back after what we hope has been a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. As always, we are starting the spring term with a focus week. This year as part of our RE curriculum, we are taking a parable from the Bible 'The Mustard Seed'. All classes will base their wider curriculum work around this story. Why not take time to read the story at home with your child and ask them about the work they are doing in school.

STAFFING CHANGE

Unfortunately Mrs Riley, one of our Year 1 teachers, remains too unwell to return to work this term. In her absence Mrs Langan will be teaching Year 1 with Mrs Beech. Many of you will know Mrs Langan as she has carried out supply work at St Mary's on many occasions. We are delighted to welcome her to the team but would also ask that you keep Mrs Riley in your prayers at this time.

Dear Parents

Following the questionnaire that was completed by parents about RE/Catholic life of the school, one of the areas that was highlighted for improvement was parental knowledge of the topics being taught in school. To help with this we have attached a whole school RE newsletter produced by the Leeds Diocese detailing all the topics being taught in RE this half term. It also contains details of how you can support your child with their learning in RE. Please don't hesitate to speak to your class teacher or to me if you require any further information or support.

Mrs Mabley

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY

St Mary's has always had a Relationships and Sex Education Policy. It can be viewed on the school website. Due to new legislation coming into force in September, Leeds Diocese has issued new guidance and has provided all schools in the diocese with a new policy document to be adopted.

This is an area of the curriculum that many parents are unsure about so I propose to hold a consultation session for parents to give you time to look at the nature of the work that currently takes place in school - mainly carried out through PHSCE and RE work around how we treat others, and science work around the human body and changes that happen during puberty (work carried out in Years 5 & 6). You will also have an opportunity to look at the proposed policy document and share your views.

As always if you are unable to attend the session but would like to view the documents email me at headteacher@st-marys-selby.n-yorks.sch.uk and I will send them to you.

The consultation session will be on Wednesday 24 January. Documents will be available for viewing and discussion between 2.30pm and 5.00pm.

DIARY DATES

18 JAN 2018	Open Lesson Morning @ 9.00am
20 JAN 2018	Family Mass at St Mary's Church, Selby @ 6.00pm
02 FEB 2018	St Francis (Y4) Class Assembly @ 9.00am
09 FEB 2018	Half Term Begins
19 FEB 2018	School Reopens - 8.45am
20 FEB 2018	Lent Liturgy
22 FEB 2018	Parent's Evening 3.10pm –6.00pm

STARLIGHT COLLECTION

Our next collection for Starlight clothing will be next Monday, 15 January. Bags were given out earlier this week. All donations are gratefully received. Could we ask that all bags are brought to school first thing in the morning, thank you.

OPEN LESSON

Our next 'Open Lesson' morning is next Thursday 18 January at 9am. We hope you will be able to come along and join the children in class.

MAGICAL MATHS

The Magical Maths after school club is due to start on Monday 15 January for Key Stage 1 children. There are still places so if you wish your child to take part you can still go online www.MagicalMathsMagician.com to register.

The club is run for 6 weeks and is followed by a club for Key Stage 2 pupils starting Monday 5 March. This club looks more full but you may still be able to secure a place if you wish.

GOLDEN SPOON AWARD

This week's golden spoon winners are

Niamh S (KS1) and Julius (KS2)

SPORTS OPPORTUNITY

Due to its popularity and the amazing progress the children have made, kick boxing is to continue this term. The children will have session once a fortnight this term.

A new activity starting is tri-golf. Sessions for Reception and Years 1 & 2 will be run in school PE lessons with an after school club being run for Key Stage 2 children. Details of the club have already been circulated to the classes involved.

These activities have been made possible by the schools sports funding.

FAMILY MASS

The date for our next family Mass at St Mary's church, Selby is Saturday 20 January at 6.00pm.

We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate mass.

