



# St Mary's RC School Newsletter

*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'  
(Philippians 4:13)*

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<http://www.stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk/>



Dates for diary:

**Monday 19th October**- work starts in EYFS/Nursery classroom

**Friday 23rd October** - half term holiday. See holiday list also on our school website and also check Weduc calendar notifications.

**Tuesday 3rd November**- Back to school.

Dates for the Diary:

## Change of shoes!



Thank you for making sure the children have a spare pair of slippers or shoes in school. Mr White also appreciates it!! Thank you.

## Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

- \* Robins- Layla Mae
- \* Larks- Jack D
- \* Swifts- William R
- \* Owls- James

## Starting School September 2021

You can apply now for a primary school place if your child is starting school in September 2021. The deadline for submissions is January 15th.

Here is the link with further info on how to apply in County Durham:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January-2021>



We can do this St Mary's!!! Please see the Newsfeed on Weduc for further information and sponsor forms. Thank you to Mrs Sutherst and the Friends group for organising this.

## Home to School Communications Polite Reminder

Parents can we remind you that if you need to message school then please message Mrs Sedgewick or I within school day hours unless it is an emergency linking to Coronavirus or informing us of Covid test results etc. Thank you for your understanding with this, I am sure you can all appreciate that teachers need to go home after a full day at work and spend quality time with their own families.... and at least try and switch off!

Thank you.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



No birthdays in school this week so instead we will send well wishes to Mrs Fells who will soon have her hip operation and take time off school to recover. Take Care Mrs Fells, you will be in all of our thoughts and prayers. Mrs Mawer will be covering for Mrs Fells in Swifts bubble.

Thanks you to the parents who have already completed the well being surveys for the children. If you haven't completed the form on Weduc yet, then please do. Already, they have helped us identify some additional support and resources we think we can use to support our children here at St Mary's. Mrs Tallentire and I had a meeting last night and we are going to introduce 'Nurture Walks' as an alternative to using the Nurture Pod and we will also review the need for the school counselling service for some children if necessary. Again, this will not be in the usual way of a school visit but may be over the phone or via Teams Meeting.

Thank you so much for the food bank donations we a have received. We will arrange a collection for the items before we break up for half term- we really do appreciate the children bringing in any items they can to support people in our own local community. Times like this we do need a good neighbour! Thank you.