



# St Mary's RC School Newsletter

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

02.10.2020

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



Dates for diary:

**Wednesday 14th October**- Flu Vaccinations whole school—Please complete your online consent form.

**Friday 23rd October** - half term holiday. See holiday list also on our school website.

Please see the *'Our Faith Journey'* for further dates and information about Church opening times and liturgies. The weekly bulletins are listed for you.



## Nursery Updates



Hopefully you have all read the Newsfeed on Weduc to see that we now have a starting date for the EYFS work to begin (19th October) We anticipate the work taking 5 weeks which also includes the half term holiday so the Robins children will temporarily move into the hall for 4 weeks.

It will have an impact on lunches- Swifts will eat their lunch in the classroom, supervised by Mrs Fells and does also mean that on the day your child has PE they should now be wearing warmer clothing ( joggers instead of shorts) as unless it is horrendous, the lessons will take place outside.

You will have noticed the new section on the website too for our Nursery. We will continue to add to this as and when we have further information. I hope you enjoyed reading through the brochure, found it useful if you are interested and please do feel free to share it with family/friends.

We are very excited to welcome new families to join us here at St Mary's ... 'a special place to be' (Ofsted 2019)

## Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

- \* Robins- Harry
- \* Larks- Connie
- \* Swifts- Sophie B
- \* Owls- Charlotte R

## 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>



## Home to School Communications



We hope you all found the new 'Home to School Communications Policy' which sets out how we can continue to communicate effectively during the Covid-19 pandemic useful. A copy of this policy was sent out via Weduc and it is also in the 'Hub' section on Weduc.

**Homework:** Our homework will continue to go out on a Monday and must be returned (in 1 message) by the following Monday. The weekly task will be set and marked as a **Weduc** task.

**Reading Books:** Reading scheme books and EYFS phonics books will be brought home on a **Monday** and **MUST** be returned on a **Friday**. **KS2** children with free reader books will just bring the book back when they have finished reading it and their teacher will help them choose another one and keep a record of what, and how much they are reading. Books will then be quarantined and then sent out again the following week. Children do not need to bring in their yellow reading diary, this can be filled in at home and just stay at home for now. Teachers will continue to make their own reading assessments and monitoring in school. **We still do not need to bring in book bags-** if it is raining we will pop the book in a plastic wallet for the child to send home.

Thank You

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to Theo (9) Sophie (9) and Kitty (10) who celebrate their birthday this week. I hope you all enjoy your special day.

## Influence Church

StoreHouse is a foodbank project to help the people of Barnard Castle and surrounding area. If you find yourself without money to put food on the table, for whatever reason, we can help. Nothing required for first visit. Fridays 4-6pm.

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