



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:

Tuesday 3rd November- Back to school.

School holidays are also available on the school website

One or two parents have asked if we are having photographs this year. We have pencilled in a date in for **Wednesday January 27th** but it will be for individual photographs only- no siblings this year I am afraid. We will keep you up to date nearer the time.

Dates for the Diary:

All went well with Mrs Fells on Thursday- she is doing well after her operation and is hoping to come home today. She sends her love and I have made sure she knows we have all been thinking and praying for her too.

Take care Mrs Fells- we will keep in touch whilst you recover.



Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

- * Robins- Melody
- * Larks- Alfie
- * Swifts- Theo
- * Owls- Kitty

Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete the well being and safeguarding survey on Weduc. I have read all of the forms received so far and over the half term I will collate any further actions/ measures that we will put in place from the information shared from our families to further support our children. Already, we are ensuring our children receive dedicated well being sessions but want to ensure we continue to offer outstanding support for their emotional well being during the current circumstances especially.

Thank you again

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:



Have you got your sponsors yet?! Good luck if you are taking part in this as a family over half term- a brilliant way to get that additional outdoor exercise in and keep fit and active!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to Lillie (6) Sam (9) and Danny (10) who will all celebrate their birthday during half term.

Zac(8) Enzo (6) and Annabelle (11) will all have birthdays the first week back to school. Have a wonderful day!

After half term we will be offering toast and orange juice in breakfast club- no additional charge. Not quite the 'hotel experience'

Ofsted referred to in our last inspection but it is a small step forward!! I will purchase new toasters for each bubble during the half term and the staff are willing to use some of their time in half term to gain their food hygiene certificate so that we can offer it in each of the 4 bubbles.

After school provision will continue to be available if needed until 4pm.

A HUGE thank you to all of the staff this half term for their continued hard work and dedication to the school. It has been a long half term with many additional pressures on teachers and staff- all wearing many hats and finding themselves in different roles across the school day but the way the team have worked together has been exceptional. Thank you— enjoy a very well deserved break with your families.