



St Mary's RC School Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK!

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

Dates for diary:



Monday 14th September - Jeans for Genes Day. Come to school wearing your jeans and donation. Suggested contribution is £1 per family but this is entirely up to you. Contributions can be made via ParentPay.

Wednesday 14th October- Flu Vaccinations whole school.

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

WELCOME BACK EVERYBODY!

We have had a really lovely first week back. The children have all been amazing and are settling well into very different classrooms and routines.

Thank you also to parents/ carers for reading the information and helping your child settle well because they are prepared and know exactly where and what they should be doing. We recognise we aren't able to have the same lovely conversations with you all on the drive as you drop off and pick up on an evening but appreciate your support in ensuring our transition times are safe and efficient. I also think the new starters in school all deserve a special mention... we are so impressed with the way they have happily come into school under these very different first days at St Mary's. Absolutely fantastic!!

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

- * Robins- Maxim, Florence and William
- * Larks- Jack S
- * Swifts- Amelia
- * Owls- Ava

Well done also to Charlotte L for achieving her Lexia certificate in the holidays! Well done Charlotte.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to Harry who will celebrate his 6th birthday this week. Have a wonderful day Harry.

Lord God, bless our school as we enter a new year- may ours be a community of welcome and hope.

Watch over our pupils- so that they grow in understanding and love.

Encourage our staff- so that their service reveals your generosity and mercy.

Inspire our leaders so that their actions show forth your wisdom and justice.

Loving Father, through the Trinity you teach us the importance of relationship, help us work together to accomplish your mission: that all your children may have life to the full.

Amen.



HOMWORK AND READING BOOKS



As of Monday next week (7th) we will be starting our home work and reading books coming home again, but there are a few changes due for now:

Homework: Our homework will continue to go out on a Monday and will be expected to return the following Monday. The weekly task will be set and marked as a **Weduc** task. Any parents with any issues with using or accessing Weduc **MUST** let the office know so that the class teacher is able to print off the homework sheet.

Reading Books: Thank you for returning the school books from home. If you have any more books please do bring them in as we will soon run out. Reading scheme books and EYFS phonics books will be brought home on a **Monday** and 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