

This week we have been reflecting on the theme of presence. The children thought about how God had promised His people that he would always be close to them, and reflected on where God is close to them today. Year 6 then lead our prayers during our Thursday assembly. That was the last of our class assemblies for this term, but they will recommence during the Summer Term.

Last Friday was a very busy night for some of our KS2 children who represented St. Mary's at the annual swimming gala held at Denton Wellbeing Centre. Each and every one of them performed brilliantly and despite it being a late night, they all left with a big smile on their faces. Well done to Izzy who won 2 gold medals and Thomas who won a silver medal. Congratulations to Una, Poppy, Jasmine and Mikayla who made up the girls team, and Rory, Malcolm, James and Taylor who were part of the boys team. Also a huge thank you to Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Tonge who both gave up their own time to support the team.



## Key dates

- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Class photos
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening Y3/Y6\*
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Yr 5/6 basketball @ Laurus Ryecroft
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March** – EYFS trip to Cockfield Farm
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March** – KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (2:45pm)
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March** – EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade (9am)
- Weds 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Play – 2pm at Church
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Close for Easter
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April** – School opens for Summer term

## Book Fair

Next week we will be hosting the Scholastic book fair in the school hall. The doors will open at 3:20pm straight fer school and it will run from Monday to Thursday. Getting a book from the book fair is a great way to encourage your child to do some extra reading, or just let them get the buzz of reading a new book.

You will have the option to pay by cash or card.

## Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding team are Miss Johnson, Mr Knapper and myself. If you have any concerns at all, please do let one of us know.

## Nuts in School

Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school. We have children in school who have nut allergies – not just consuming nuts but also being exposed to nut in the same room. Nuts can be found in wide range of products, and are not always obvious. Please check the wrappers on food before sending them into school.

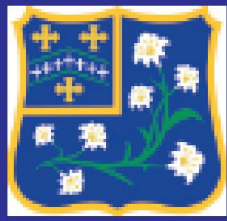
## Parish News

The latest parish newsletter can be viewed by scanning or clicking here:



## Photographs

On Monday we have the school photographer in school taking class photographs:



## Easter Raffle

We are currently collecting Easter Eggs so that we can have an Easter raffle. The support we had for the advent raffle was amazing – hopefully we will have plenty of eggs, or chocolate bars to raffle at Easter. Tickets will go on sale soon.



## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Abigail, Ethan, Daisy, Lily, Indira, Elijah, and James who have all celebrated her birthday. this week. I hope you all had a lovely day.

## PE stars of the week

Congratulations to Myla, Joseph, Daisy, Daisy, Charlie, Oliver, Ciara, Roman, Poppy, Asher, Bella, Maxwell, Connor, Samuel, Layla, Max, Lillie-May. Olivia and Herbie who have been nominated as PE stars of the week.

## Faith in Action

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month is a Faith In Action Children's Mass. During this Mass children are encouraged to take leadership roles within the parish. This may be as a reader, a steward, an altar server or singing in the choir. This then goes towards their pin badge / bronze award. If any child wishes to take part, please attend the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month and register your interest.

If there are any young people, Year 4 or above, who wish to read or be involved in the Palm Sunday service on 24th March, please can you attend a meeting after St Mary's 11am mass on Sunday 17th March. We will be able to allocate any roles at this time to the young people may wish to take part.

## Stars of the week

Congratulations to Toby, Elijah, Ellen, Harry, Leo, Ben, Olivia, Morgan, Malcolm, Alex, Phoebe, Coady, Elsa, Grace and Blake who have been nominated as stars of the week by their class teachers. Well done and keep up the good work.

## Attendance

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. [Evidence](#) shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best results. The data shows that primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.

Well done to Year 2 who had the highest attendance this week.

	<b>Reception</b>	94%	
<b>Year 1</b>	95%	<b>Year 2</b>	99%
<b>Year 3</b>	98%	<b>Year 4</b>	98%
<b>Year 5</b>	95%	<b>Year 6</b>	96%