

7th March 2022

# St. Mary's Primary and Pre- school Newsletter

## THANKYOU

Thankyou to our PTFA, 'Friends of St. Mary's' members of staff and parents for organising / supporting / donating / buying tickets for the recent Queenesque night and the food bingo. Together, we have managed to raise well over £2000 for these two events which is a phenomenal amount. Well done everyone! We do keep getting quotes to improve our pre-school / reception playground but at the moment, they are coming back as totally unreasonable and far too expensive. We will continue to ask companies to come in to give us quotes and when we feel we will get quality AND at a reasonable price, we will proceed. In the meantime, we will organise a gardening day when the weather gets warmer. We have had many over the years where staff and parents come together to tidy up the school grounds. This will probably be in the summer term.



## PARENT GOVERNOR ROLE

Thankyou to both Rachel Crisp and Caroline McCoy for putting themselves forward for our parent governor role. Thankyou also for all our parents who returned the voting form. I am pleased to announce that Rachel received the majority of votes and we welcome her onto our governing body. It does also mean that we retain Caroline on the PTFA committee which is also a blessing.

## EASTER ACTIVITIES

We will be holding our annual 'Easter Garden in a tray' and 'Decorated Egg' competition during the last week of this half term. The children can enter both or just one. There will be prizes for every entry and an overall class prize for the most original entries. We will also be holding our Easter Egg Hunt around the school grounds for all our children so any donations of foil wrapped chocolate eggs would be great - thankyou again for your support.



## PARENT EVENING

We will be holding our Spring Term parent evening on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 3.30 until 5.30pm. There will be 10 minute slots for you to discuss your child/s progress in school. There will also be an opportunity for you to look at their books. If you cannot make this time / date, please do let us know and we will arrange a meeting for a mutually convenient time.

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## What's Happening?

### MISS POWELL

Miss Powell, who has been working in years 1/2/3 for the past 8 weeks will be leaving us at the end of this week. Miss Powell who is a PGCE student from the University of Cumbria has established herself as a confident and valued member of our team. We will be sorry to see her leave on Friday and will celebrate her achievements in our celebrations assembly at 2.45pm which you are all invited to.

### GOVERNOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It is our governor committee meetings on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Standards and Effectiveness meeting is at 4pm and the Finance meeting is at 5pm. Our full governors meeting will be on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March in school at 7pm.

### HEALTHY LUNCH - MADE BY PRE-SCHOOL AND RECEPTION

Pre-school and Reception children will be making lunch for everyone on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. They will be making a selection of sandwiches, tomato soup, fruit kebabs and yogurt.

### WEAR A HAT - BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH

Mia Bayley, our charity ambassador will be collecting a £1 donation towards this charity and the children can wear a hat all day! It is on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Uniform as normal please.

### RED NOSE DAY - FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

We invite our children into school with their Red Noses and plan to have a bake sale. Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Uniform as normal again.

### FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

The next meeting is the 21st April and then the 14th June at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed later. If anyone has any questions or items for agenda please email the FOSM at [wearefosm@mail.com](mailto:wearefosm@mail.com)

### UKRAINE APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has brought donations in. We will be sending the supplies to the relevant collection points soon.

Finally, we would like to extend a huge thankyou to St. Mary's Parish Committee, Father Tony and John Weld-Blundell who have donated £2000 towards our school PTFA account to go towards our playground. We are extremely grateful for this very kind and generous donation.

