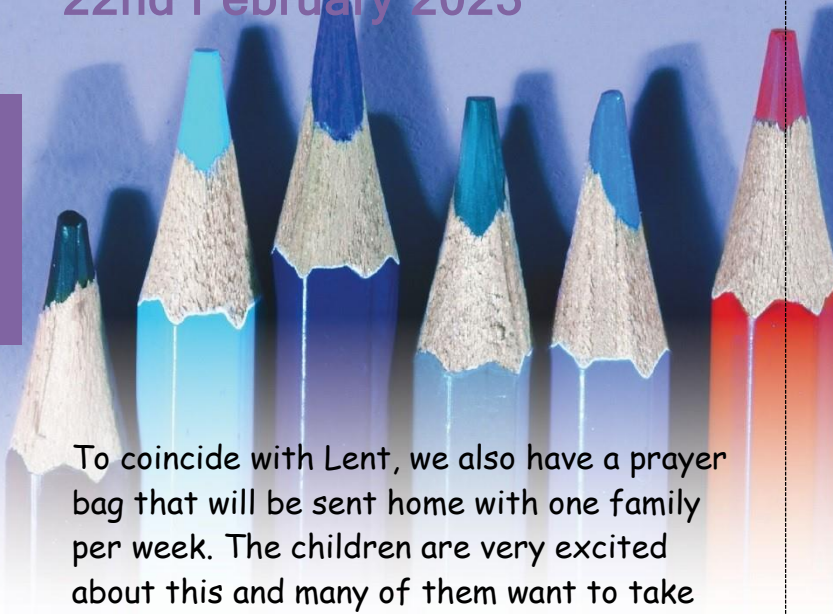


22nd February 2023

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

## WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all had a peaceful half-term holiday with your families and we hope the children are all ready to begin this half-term in preparation for Easter. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday yesterday with pancakes cooked by Mrs. Cookson and Mrs. Butcher. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the old middle English word "shriven", which referred to going to confession to repent for the things you have done wrong. Because Lent always starts on a Wednesday, people would go to confession the day before, an occasion that became known as Shriven Tuesday, which evolved into Shrove Tuesday. It was also a day that all the luxury food things in the pantry were used up before Lent and when fasting began - hence why pancakes were made. We will all be going Mass today as it is a day of Holy Obligation and we will receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads. We have spoken to the children about thinking about giving something up for Lent. We will also be going to Mass on Thursday, 16th March at 930am so please join us if you can.



To coincide with Lent, we also have a prayer bag that will be sent home with one family per week. The children are very excited about this and many of them want to take part. In the bag, there is a book where the children can write and illustrate their own prayers along with a prayer bear and some books. Please can you send the bag back on Monday morning so that we can show off the prayer to everyone in whole school worship.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will be held in school on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This year, we are asking ALL the children to come into school in a traditional story costume. So, we are looking forward to seeing Hansel and Gretel, Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, Jack and The Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears to name but a few.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY

We will have another non-uniform day on 10<sup>th</sup> March this time kindly asking for chocolates and biscuits for our food bingo which is being held in the village hall on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March in the evening. Many thanks for all your donations already - you are amazing!

## EASTER EGG BINGO

We are holding an Easter Egg bingo in the school hall on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm onwards. There will be refreshments available. More details to follow.

## Whats Happening?

### Assemblies - Friday 2.45pm

Pre-school and reception - 17<sup>th</sup> March

Years 4/5/6 - 24<sup>th</sup> March

### Easter Play in School 2.15pm

Led by Years 1/2/3 - 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Sporting Events

Tag rugby - 21<sup>st</sup> February

Under 9 mini skills - 14<sup>th</sup> March

Football - 21<sup>st</sup> March

Year 1 will be going swimming every Friday up to the Easter holidays

### Mass at St. Mary's Church

16<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am

### Events in School this half term (so far!!)

Last Choir Singing - 2nd March (more details on their way!)

World Book Day - 3rd March (traditional stories)

Non-uniform for food bingo - 10<sup>th</sup> March (chocolates and biscuits please)

Food bingo at the Village Hall, 18<sup>th</sup> March Doors open 6.30pm (eyes down at 7.30pm)

RNLI water safety presentation in school - 21<sup>st</sup> March (all children)

Yrs. 4/5/6 to Gawthorpe Hall for Shakespeare Day - 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Easter Experience at St. Barts - 24<sup>th</sup> March

History Society - yrs. 4/5/6 - 29<sup>th</sup> March

Cobble Hey Farm - yrs. 4/5/6 - 30<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Egg Bingo in School - 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm