



Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful weekend and some time to recharge your batteries as we head towards the end of our first half term.

Last week was a busy one in school. How fantastic it was to celebrate Grandparents day with so many of our Grandparents spending time in our classrooms. Please check out our Facebook page for more photos.

We had a super turn out of parents for our KS2 Information Evening. The presentation will be uploaded to our website shortly and we hope that the meeting gave, those who attended, a helpful overview of the KS2 curriculum.

This week our Year 6's go on their residential to Peat Rigg. We hope that they have a brilliant time and we look forward to hearing all about it.

Kind regards

Mrs Rhodes (HT)

Mrs Gilhooly (AHT)



Special Mentions

Well done to our children, who received a special mention on Friday. Continue doing what you are doing– we are all very proud of you!

Congratulations to:

St Francis: George and Primrose

St Clare: Isabelle and Niamh

St Peter: Sophie and Joseph

St Vincent: Elijah and Hannah

St Oscar: Grace and Joscelyn

Mr Gibson: Dan and Sofia



The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary time

In Collective Worship, we heard from Luke 17:11-19. Today we heard that Jesus gave the amazing gift of good health to ten men who all had an illness called leprosy.

This illness can be very painful. People with leprosy couldn't get too close to others for fear of making them sick too. They couldn't even hug their families or friends anymore. They had to live separately to everyone else. We imagined how we would feel if we weren't able to hug or be near to the people we love. We thought about how the men felt when they realised that they were well again. Nine of the men didn't return to Jesus, it's possible that they ran home to their families and friends. After all, they'd been living away from them for ages. They were probably excited and happy to see their families and hug them again,

Though the nine other men were really happy to be healed, they didn't return to Jesus to give thanks for what he had done. Only one man went back to show how grateful he was for the gift of health and a new life with his family.

We then reflected on what God has given to us. Like the man who returned to Jesus, we should try to praise and thank God at all times for the amazing things that we have been given. When we see all that we have as a gift from God, it makes us want to care for the earth and make it a fairer place for all people to live.

This week we will try and show God our gratitude in all the things we do.

Prayer for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving Lord, help us to remember all the good things we have which come from you. Fill our hearts with thanks and praise. Help us to make sure all your people have their fair share of the gifts you give for us all. Amen.

This is our second week of celebrating the virtue **Citizenship:**

I am a good citizen

I show love for my neighbour through my actions

***"Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God."* (Hebrews 13:14; 16)**



Mass

Please visit the websites of our parishes to access the bulletins.

www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk and www.ssfishermore.co.uk.

WILD HEARTS – Outdoor Learning at Sacred Heart

St Clare enjoyed their second Wild Hearts session. They made some beautiful autumnal mobiles with treasures from our woodland area. Our Sports Leaders also helped Mr Gibson out with team building activities.

We are still looking for help to get us started; we are looking for donations of:

tree stumps for seats

den building equipment

tarpaulins

a pull along trolley for transporting equipment

If you can help us out with any of these items please contact the school office. Thank you.



Harvest Celebration



A huge thank you to all the parents and families who attended our Harvest celebration and for all the kind contributions. We received a large donation of food and Ilkley Foodbank were extremely grateful.

Well done to our Mini-Vinnies for leading the celebration. I know they will continue with their good work this year. Thank you to Miss Li for organising this event.

Open morning – Date for the Diary

On Saturday 5th November, between 10am and 12pm, Sacred Heart will open its doors to current parents and prospective parents.

You will be able to have a tour of the school and visit classrooms to see what your child has been learning about so far this year.

We hope you will be able to make it.

FOSH Second Hand Uniform Sale

A second hand uniform sale will take place on Thursday 13th October straight after school.

Thank you for your donations and to everyone who has washed and prepared the uniform for the sale.





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School
Mission Statement

We are a pilgrim school
and we journey with Mary
to become the person
God intends us to be.

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers

Thank you - St Mary's Menston Open Day

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and children who took the time to visit St Mary's Menston on Saturday 1 October for our 2022 Open Day. On behalf of the staff and pupils here at the school, I wish to share that we had such an enjoyable day meeting you all and found the conversations and questions really fruitful.

I also want to personally thank all parents who spoke to me after the headteacher address. Your positive words of encouragement meant such a lot to me personally and professionally.

I mentioned in my presentation on the day that you can access a lot of information about St Mary's on our [school website](#) including; information about our school admissions process and our school day. Under the parent section of the school website, you can access the Open Day area. We have uploaded our headteacher Open Day powerpoint into this area for you to view alongside a short video for you to watch if you wish. You will also find our school prospectus, subject videos and transition information. Please do take some time to look at the information available and do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries.

We know how important this stage of your child's education is, and we wish to support you in making an informed decision regarding their future education. We sincerely hope you enjoyed our Open Day and you were able to feel, and capture, the true spirit and essence of our special community. It was a privilege for me to be able to open our school community to you. I felt exceptionally proud on Saturday.

With all good wishes with the admissions process. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if you need anything.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Hattersley

Headteacher



Year 7 Applications

Please remember that the closing date for Year 7 applications is Monday 31st October!

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Upcoming events this week:

Monday– Whole School Collective Worship; PE– St Clare Yr 2/ 3; PE St Vincent Yr 4/ 5; Flu immunisations

Tuesday- PE -St Francis Reception / Yr 1; PE– St Vincent Yr 4/5; guitar lessons

Wednesday– PE St Peter-Year3/4; Year 6 residential to Peat Rigg: FOSH AGM 7pm

Thursday– PE St Peter-Year3/4; PE St Clare– Year 2/3; Woodwind lessons; Second Hand Uniform Sale after school.

Friday– PE St Oscar– Year 6; Brass lessons; Year 6 return from residential

Upcoming events for Half Term One

12th– 14th October– Year 6 Residential, **FOSH AGM 7pm in school**

13th October– FOSH uniform sale after school

15th October– Cross Country at Ashlands School

17th October– World Faith Week; individual photograph day

21st October– School closed training day

31st October– School opens 8:45am

We are currently compiling a list of ‘Save the Dates’ for the coming year. Please bear with us as we await confirmation of dates for some events.

