



Week 16 Newsletter



Week beginning 8th January 2024

Spring Term 1

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the festivities. Thank you so much for your kind gifts and cards at the end of last term. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The children are already back into the swing of school life and it has been a pleasure seeing them engaged and enjoying their learning. We are all looking forward to our **whole school pantomime trip** on Thursday 18th. Please can you return your child's/ children's permission slips by Monday 15th January- thank you. Without this slip your child/ children will not be able to attend.

Please remember to check Save the Dates as events are added and dates are confirmed.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rhodes

Mrs Gilhooly

News and Notices

Welcome Back!

We are so happy to welcome back Mrs Morgan and Mrs Hallworth. They will be teaching Wheatley class for the remainder of the year as Miss Chittock has relocated. We wish her well for the future. Mrs Morgan and Mrs Hallworth have had a fantastic first week back getting acquainted/ reacquainted with such a super class.

Girl's Football

Well done to the Girl's Football team, who are currently top of the league with 2 wins, 6 points and a 5 point goal difference. Mr Gibson is very excited for the rest of the season.

Congratulations St Mary's

St Mary's Menston has been named among the UK's highest-ranking achieving secondary schools in the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide.

Helen Davies, editor of Parent Power, states, 'The guide showcases academic excellence....this year Parent Power includes details on extracurricular clubs and wellbeing initiatives...'. Schools are ranked academically by performance at A level and GCSE in summer 2023.

St Mary's is listed as 8th out of hundreds of secondary schools in the 'Top State Secondary Schools in the North' of the country category. St Mary's is also listed as 5th in the 'Top Comprehensive Schools' in the North. We are ranked higher than local secondary schools in our geographical area.

Catholic Life

Class Mass

It is Wheatley Class's Mass on Monday 22nd January with Father Tim. Families are warmly invited.

Children's liturgy

Mrs Hogan will be leading Children's liturgy on the first Sunday of every month at Sacred Heart Church and Children's Liturgy will take place on the third Sunday of every month in Burley.

Wednesday Word

Please find below the link to the Wednesday Word. This is an excellent resource that can be used at home to reflect on the issues and messages from Sunday's Gospel.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=113.2>

Save the Date

Thursday 18th January- Whole school trip to the pantomime

Monday 22nd January- Wheatley Class Mass with Father Tim at 13:15. Families invited.

Week beginning January 29th- National Storytelling week

Thursday 1st February- Whole School Mass at 9:30am. Families invited.

Friday 2nd February- 14:45 Wharfe Class assembly and Special Mentions

Saturday 3rd February- Cross Country League Ben Rhydding

Week beginning 5th February- Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February- School closes at 15:15 for Half Term; FOSH Valentines Disco after school

Monday 19th February- School opens at 8:45am; **swimming starts for Wheatley Class**

Saturday 24th February- Rescheduled Cross- Country League at Ghyll Royds

Saturday 2nd March- Cross Country League All Saints (@Ilkley Pool)

Thursday 7th March-World Book Day

Friday 8th March- Bluebell Class assembly and Special Mentions

Week beginning 11th March- British Science Week

Monday 11th March- Science Fair (tbc)

Saturday 16th March- Cross Country Relays, Nell Bank

Save the Date (Cont'd 1)

Wednesday 20th March- Parent / Teacher Meetings (face to face) 15:30- 18:00

Thursday 21st March- Parent / Teacher Meetings (virtual) 15:30- 18:00

Wednesday 27th March- Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production 14:00

Thursday 28th March- School closes for Easter break at 15:15

Monday 15th April- School opens at 8:45am

Friday 26th April- Olicana Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Wednesday 15th May- International Day of Families; 14:30 extended family e.g. grandparents are invited into school.

Friday 17th May- Wheatley Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Friday 24th May- School breaks up for half term at 15:15

Tuesday 4th June- School opens at 8:45am. PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 3rd JUNE IS A TRAINING DAY

Thursday 6th June- Class photographs

Friday 14th June- 14:45 Wharfe Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Friday 21st June- Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day; Bluebell Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Friday 28th June- Rombalds Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Friday 5th July- NHS Day- wear blue to school; Sports Festival Day (more details to follow)

Tuesday 9th July- 15:30-17:45 Celebration open evening; reports to families

Wednesday 10th July- 18:00 Year 5/ 6 Leavers production

Friday 12th July- 13:45 Year 5/ 6 Leavers production

Thursday 18th July- Leavers' Mass (tbc)

Friday 19th July- 13:45 Leavers' Assembly; School Closes for Summer at 15:15

