



# St Mary's Newsletter – 13.11.15



## Around school this week.... **Armistice Day**

We marked Armistice Day in a whole school assembly keeping the 2 minute silence. We thought about our school values of Respect, Love, Unity and Courage and how they are remembered on such a day.

Calder class have been learning about letter writing and looking at original letters written in World War 1. They are now planning and writing a letter to an army Captain known to Miss Killingworth, asking about questions about his role and then comparing it with life during WW1.

**Children in Need – we raised £ 201.65**

Bags 2 School – Thank you for all those who supported us we raised £108 for school funds.

## Travelling Crib

It's nearly Advent so you'll be receiving letters about our Travelling Cribs. They are a lovely way to prepare for the season of Christmas. Please make sure you sign and return the forms to your class teacher.

## **Diary Dates**

23.11.15 Year 6 trip to 'Hairspray' at SJFCHS leave at 10.00am.

24.11.15 Y5 Robinwood Talk 3.30pm

28.11.15 Christmas Fayre

1.12.15 and 3.12.15 Parent's Evening

4.12.15 Sacrament of Reconciliation for Yrs 4,5 & 6 in school.

5.12.15 First Holy Communion's Group – Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.00am St Mary's Church

9.12.15 KS1 Nativity 6.00pm

10.12.15 KS1 Nativity 9.30am

14.12.15 KS2 Carol Service 2.30pm in church

18.12.15 School Christmas Mass 10.30 am

## **Academy News**

This weeks Staff Meeting saw our teachers meeting with other class teachers in the same year group at all of our Trust Schools. Staff hot-footed after school to Leeds, Ilkley, Pudsey, Otley and Harrogate, the Year1 teachers came to Knaresborough. It was an opportunity to work together as a Trust on Assessing without levels, sharing and moderating work, to hear and share good practice.

The Academy Trust in action!

## **Sports News**

For the second time this year St. Mary's were involved in penalty heartache. Last week the Year 5 & 6 Girls Football team were beaten in sudden death penalties in the Harrogate Final. After the opening round the girls topped their pool winning four and drawing two of their games, only conceding one goal. After a goalless final it came down to penalties, then sudden death penalties with Rossett Acre keeping their composure to seal victory. It was a fantastic effort by the girls and Mr Wilson was very proud of their second place finish.

On Tuesday the whole of Wharfe Class spent the afternoon at St. John Fishers competing in a multi-skills festival with St. Robert's and St. Josephs. The children had great fun competing in a range of activities like target throwing, hockey dribbling and balance tests. The children behaved excellently and Mr Wilson and Mrs Conroy were impressed with their skills and attitude all afternoon.

## **Questionnaire**

As part of our School Improvement we want to gain the opinions of our parents and children.

You will have received a paper copy of our Parent's Questionnaire. Please complete and return. Your views are important to us.

## **St Mary's Catholic Church, Bond End, Knaresborough**

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10am with children's Liturgy and Sunday 5pm

Parish Priest : Father William