



St Mary's Newsletter – 22.4.16

Around school this week Queen's Birthday Celebration



On Thursday we celebrated the Queen's birthday with a whole school assembly and a day filled with art and craft, PE and history activities. At lunch we had a whole school tea party. The sun was out, everyone was in red, white and blue and the gazebo was adorned with union flags! A day to remember. Each child has been presented with a commemorative medal to mark the day. Pictures are on the website.



We have extra special visitors in Reception this week. 12 eggs which are now 8 chicks! Our children have been watching very carefully as they hatch and Mrs Cargill has the extra responsibility of caring for them this weekend.

Sport News

Cross Country

Several of our children went to Dalby Forest to take part in a Cross Country competition, the competition was extremely tough, but everybody performed well and Johannes came a very impressive 3rd!! Well done to all of you!

Orienteering

St Mary's Year 4 boys' and girls' teams tasted success in the Knaresborough round of the HSSP Orienteering event. The competition, held at Aspin Primary School, involved children individually finding checkpoints using a map in the fastest time possible. The children's scores were then calculated to give a team total.

In the girls event the two St. Mary's teams finished in 1st and 2nd Place with the boys' team also taking Gold in their event. These teams will now progress through to the Harrogate area final later in the year.

Well done to all the children who took part in the event, they performed excellently showing great teamwork and determination to win.

Welcome to Mrs Ashworth our new Executive Headteacher



I have completed my second week as Executive head of St Mary's and St Joseph's Harrogate and I have felt warmly welcomed in both schools by children, staff and families. Leadership of more than one school is an exciting and challenging opportunity for all of us to work in close collaboration to ensure we have worshipping communities and centres of academic excellence. This is the central vision but differences in emphasis will be recognised. Each school will continue to maintain its autonomy, and all of us in school are looking forward to shared ventures in the very near future.

Thank you for your support and please remember all of us in your prayers.

Diary Dates

22.4.16 - Friends of St Mary's Bingo Night

29.4.16 – Tour de Yorkshire

2.5.16 – May Day – School Closed

6.5.16 – Good Shepherd Mass, Leeds Cathedral.

6.5.16 – Blessing Cup Meal 6.00pm

Week beginning 9.5.16 SAT WEEK

13.5.16 – School Mass 10.30 am

27.5.16 – Swale's Mediterranean Café and Ukele concert 1.45pm

St Mary's Catholic Church, Bond End, Knaresborough

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6pm, Children's Liturgy Sunday 10.00am – Children aged Pre-school – First Holy Communion and Sunday 5pm.

Parish Priest : Father William