



St Mary's Newsletter – 29.1.16

Around school this week ... The Police Visit

As part of our School Safety Programme we have had a visit from the Police today. They have spent time in every class answering questions written by our children. Follow up learning will include writing instructions on 'How to keep Knaresborough Safe', writing an information leaflet about North Yorkshire Police, writing a thank you letter to our visitors and role-playing how to deal with different difficult situations. Further aspects of our programme covered later this year will include learning about water, internet and road and railways safety.

Key Stage 1 Movie Night

A big thank you to the Friends of St Mary's for organising the movie night. It was a great opportunity to use our new school projector, screen and audio system. It really was on the big screen!

KS2 movie night is Fri 5th February.

Sport News



On the 18th January we participated in a Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala at Harrogate High. Each of us swam 40 metres amazingly well! With Grace and Jedd swimming the hardest stroke - butterfly. Everybody swam as fast as they could and we finished 3rd in our heat, even though we only had 6 people as 2 of our boy swimmers were ill!!



Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday 22 young athletes from Years 3 & 4 took on the rest of the Knaresborough schools to compete for the Sportshall Athletics title. As defending champions Mr Wilson was keen for the children to do their best to retain their crown. On the track the children performed magnificently winning 9 out of 12 races and combined with some excellent field performances managed to secure a great victory. Well done to all the children and a special mention to Lucy Devine and Madeline Jones for collecting two of the School Games Values wristbands.

Reading at Home

To encourage reading at home classes have either started or are starting 'Reading Races'. This will involve children reading at home a certain number of times per week and this is being recorded by an adult in their Reading Record. The children will work towards some reward. We hope you will support your child/children with this, it is so important that the children continue to read to an adult throughout their primary school life and for them to have an opportunity to discuss their book with you to show their comprehension.

A useful website for books for children is:

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

Any queries please see Mrs Laycock or Mrs Hunt.

Diary Dates

5.2.16 – FOSM Key Stage 2 Movie Night

10.2.16 – Ash Wednesday

12.2.16 School Closes

20.2.16 – Family Mass and First Holy Communion Preparation Presentation Mass 10.00am

24.2.16 – First Holy Communion Preparation (1st session) 3.25-4.30pm

14.3.16 – Science Week

Parentpay

All dinner monies must be paid for in advance and arrears must not be accrued. It is North Yorkshires policy that after 2 weeks, if this does happen, children may have to be moved to packed lunch.

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

Parish Priest: Father William