



# St Mary's Newsletter – 15.1.16

## Around school this week .... Fire Talk



Fire fighter Thomas said ' St Mary's were the best behaved school I have attended since starting the job a year ago. Very polite and some mature questions/answers from all'.

We are very pleased to be able to host Harrogate and Ripon Fire Service in school on Tuesday. Thomas gave a great talk and we all learned about fire safety and the role of the fire service in keeping people safe, they also brought their fire engine and showed us the different siren sounds. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and teachers!

**Remember to test your smoke alarm once a week!**

After – school clubs start next week.

Don't forget your warm coats, hats and gloves and PE outdoor clothes.

## Change 4 life

Members of the Y3/4 Change 4 life club went to SJF to a multi-skills festival this week, It was a fun afternoon, archery being the favourite activity.

## Diary Dates

22.1.16 – FOSM Key Stage 1 Movie Night

18.1.16 – Y6 Swimming Gala

20.1.16 – Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics

5.2.16 – FOSM Key Stage 2 Movie Night

10.2.16 – Ash Wednesday

12.2.16 School Closes

20.2.16 – First Holy Communion Preparation Presentation Mass 10.00am

24.2.16 – First Holy Communion Preparation ( 1<sup>st</sup> session) 3.25-4.30pm

14.3.16 – Science Week

## Abacus Maths

This term we have begun using a new maths resource in school called Abacus Maths, made by Pearson. The new scheme helps teachers to plan fun and interactive lessons aimed at achieving the objectives outline in the National Curriculum 2014.

Homework activities will soon (if not already!) be available online, linked directly to weekly learning in class. Y5&6 are planning a maths open morning soon, where you can come and join in with our maths lesson with your child and see exactly what goes on day-to-day. More details about this to follow.

If you have any questions about Abacus, please feel free to speak to your class teacher or Miss Holliday.

## Y5 at Robinwood

Well done to all of Y5 for being absolute superstars at Robinwood in Todmorden. All of the St Marys and Robinwood staff commented on how polite, resilient and fun Y5 were during their stay. They weren't even put off by the freezing temperatures or dusting of snow we had!

All pupils tried their hardest and challenged themselves to try new things – well done and keep it up!



## 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.

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

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

Parish Priest: Father William