



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! It has been great to see all the children back in school after the Christmas break. We hope you had lots of family time and lots of nice presents (if Santa came to your household) and food and rest.

CONFESSIONS 2018 Parents and children who are taking part in the programme this year should attend the first Workshop on **Wednesday this week at 6.30pm**. A reminder that if you are unable to attend the session at St Mary's there are 5 alternative venues across the Deanery where the same content will be covered.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU We were very saddened this week to hear of the death of a long-time friend of St Mary's, Mrs Nora Quinn, who in her later years spent many afternoons and mornings hearing children read and helping in several classes. She was 94 years old! Her funeral is on Thursday this week at 11am.

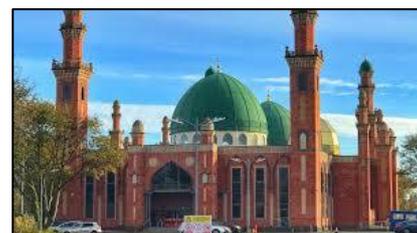
DANGER NIGHT We hope everyone who came to this event had a great time learning a little more about our unique 'Dangerous Curriculum' provision. As you can see it was very successful from the children's point of view!



PARENT VIEW We were last inspected by Ofsted in October 2013 and this means that we are well overdue a return visit – we expect this to be before July 2018, but who knows?! It would be great if we could get a few more Parent View questionnaires completed online before our 'friends' turn up. Every parent is entitled

to complete it every year, and once you have registered your email you will be sent a password. The survey takes about 3 minutes to complete. **Thank you.**

Y5 & Y6 TRIP (17th and 18th January) The children will be visiting the Grand Mosque in Bradford this week. This is part of their current topic on the 'Golden Age of Islam'.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS (2017) SURVEY We sent parents of former Y6 pupils a short questionnaire in November, in the hope that we might get some useful feedback from them on their child's overall experience at St Mary's. We were a little disappointed with the response to this survey and we wondered if we could make one last

appeal to any parents of children who left us in July 2017 for them to send these surveys back to us as soon as possible. If you have lost the original survey a brief letter would be great instead. Thank you.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

KS1 & FS WORKSHOP (Friday 19th January) – 1.15pm – 2.30pm.... Parents are invited to join us for an afternoon of Fun Maths activities with the children. You will also have an opportunity to find out about how Maths is taught to young children in our school. There is a KS1 Sharing Assembly at 2.50pm which we hope parents will also attend.



PETER PAN PANTO The hall was full of fun, laughter, singing and shouting on Wednesday last week as we enjoyed our annual visit from M&M Productions. Thank you for the contributions parents sent in towards this event, which costs the school budget £900 – so the more help we get, the easier it is for us to facilitate. **The children always love it!**



UNIVERSITY FRESHERS!! Mr Chapman, Mr Brennan and Mrs Asif took a group of 13 children to Huddersfield University last Thursday for a special visit to help them consider their options in the future and the possibility of going to University to study for a Degree when they leave school. They were shown around the campus by existing students and asked lots of questions!! This is something we will definitely repeat on another

occasion, especially if it makes these children raise their aspirations!

NEW NAME FOR 'OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB' We have been asking the children who attend our Out-of-School Provision to come up with a new name for themselves – They decided just before Christmas on '**HANG OUT HUB' (HOH)**. We will use this name from now on, when talking about the provision. The next job is to design a logo and the children have already made some great efforts which are now with a professional graphic artist, who will use their ideas to produce a finished design. Mrs Smith (Manager) has recently made arrangements for a Falconer to visit the **HOH** and details about this will be sent to you soon. We hope to extend access to this event to about 15 other children in school on a 'first-come, first-served basis' for a small charge. **Watch this Space!!**

YEAR 3 & 4 DANCE WORKSHOPS Children in all three classes will be enjoying a weekly street dance session with a professional dance teacher (Helen Duoro) this term. Helen is the daughter of a former teacher at St Mary's, Mrs Payne. She worked with the KS1 and FS children last term and got some great results from them!



UKELELE LESSONS Children in Mrs Rollinson's class will be learning how to play the Ukelele this term. They will have a lesson every week until Easter. Mrs Roe's class had their lessons last term and Mr Chapman's class will have a chance in the Summer.

PTA KS1 FILM NIGHT (2nd February) – 3.30pm to 5pm There will be a Film Night for FS and KS1 children immediately after school on the 2nd February. Details will follow.

PTA SUMMER FAYRE APPEAL The PTA Committee have confirmed that the Summer Fayre this year will be on the 7th July 2018. The first appeal they have made is for some really good prizes for the raffle. Perhaps you run a business or have a contact with someone who could offer vouchers, free entry, creative donations of prizes, special services or skills as prizes?