St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

7TH JANUARY 2022



Dear Families,

Happy New Year and I hope everyone had a safe and peaceful Christmas break. It was wonderful on Tuesday to welcome the children back. We also welcome a number of new children who have joined us and have settled in brilliantly.

I am sure you read about St. Mary's in the Grantham Journal in December 2021. I am confident you will be aware that as a school we do everything in our control to ensure the children are safe and secure. Therefore I and the rest of the staff would like to express our thanks for all the positive comments that were given, in response to the article. The children (and adults) said how much they enjoyed the Panto and staff have tried to use the event to further enhance the children's learning. The younger children were able to give a full re-telling of the whole Panto story to staff – how impressive is that! "Oh, no it isn't, oh yes it is!"

Thursday 6th January was Epiphany and all the children were involved in either attending Mass or receiving a Collective Worship to fully explain the importance of this day in the Catholic faith. Fr. Jonathan was encouraging all the children to think about the importance of being a light for God and ensuring we love and care for others. During our Collective Worship on Tuesday, the theme was all linked to New Beginnings and the children thought about New Year Resolutions. Everyone reflected on how Jesus invites us to trust Him, listen to Him and follow Him. All the children and staff were asked to:

Reflect on how this New Year gives us an opportunity to recommit to following Jesus. Think about how you could do this?

I wish you all a safe and peaceful weekend. As ever, you all remain in my thoughts and prayers, Take care

Mrs R Wheatley

piphany

The wise men followed the star, And found Christ who is light from light. May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended. (Amen)



<u>Calendar Events</u>

Wednesday 12th January: Y4 Trip to Burghley House

Monday 7th February - Thursday 10th February: Parents' Evening

> Friday 11th February: Last Day of Term

Monday 21st February: Lent Term 2 Begins Bikeability Y5/6 for some Pupils

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception Class: 86.04% Year 1: 98.17% Year 2: 90.35% Year 3: 100% Year 4: 96.64% Year 5: 89.41% Year 6: 94.58%

Coronavirus-19

Please can all parents make sure they are checking their parentmail account regularly. Please update the office if your phone number or email address change. This is how we will contact you regarding any changes in school due to Covid-19. If your child is showing any Covid symptoms please book a PCR test and await the results.



Exciting News: Miss Berridge is expecting a baby and we are extremely fortunate in that we already have a second qualified teacher working within our Year 4 class. Miss Burrows. Miss Burrows has successfully applied and been selected for the position of Y4 Class Teacher (Maternity Cover), which will start after the February holiday break. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Berridge all the very best for the safe arrival of her little one.

YEAR 1 VISIT

Year One had some thrilling visitors (Lion Learner Educational Animal Experience) this week. The photos explain better than words could!













We hope the children enjoyed the session and had plenty of information to tell you about it that evening.

