



SCHOOL UPDATES

SOME MORE LOVELY NEWS (I BET YOU CAN GUESS...):

It is with great joy that we are able to announce a further pregnancy at St Mary's! Mrs Gardner and her husband are expecting a new arrival in the New Year, which is wonderful news; we wish them well as they embark on this next step in their lives, a look forward to meeting the new addition to the Gardner family when they come.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

We would like to wish everybody a safe and restful half term break. Please be reminded that school will be closed for an occasional day on Monday 29th October. All pupils will return to school, following our half term holiday, on Tuesday 30th October.

ATTENDANCE:

YEAR GROUP	AUTHORISED ABSENCE (%)	UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE (%)	OVERALL (%)
RECEPTION	0	0	100
YEAR 1	5.5	0	94.5
YEAR 2	0	0	100
YEAR 3	4	0	96
YEAR 4	2.3	0	97.7
YEAR 5	0	0.7	99.3
YEAR 6	1	0	99
TOTAL	1.8	0.1	98.1

An excellent week of Attendance to round off the half term – especially for Reception and Year 2 who have maintained 100% at the end of a long half term!

PARENTS' APPOINTMENTS:

You will receive your child's appointment time in their blue bag this week. If you are unable to make the appointment, please contact the school office when school recommences after half term.

EXTENDED LEARNING WEEK – RIGHTS RESPECTING:

We have had a fantastic week of learning and campaigning this week as part of the Unicef 'Outright' campaign. Have a look at our school Twitter feed (@whickhamstmarys) to see what we've been up to, and to see how you too can get involved!

NORTHERN CROSS SUCCESS:

A massive well done to our girls' football team who have progressed to the 2nd round of the Northern Cross competition. All the girls performed amazingly on the night – not least Gracie Robinson who bagged 5 goals in total! Top stuff!

Y4 TAG RUGBY:

Well done too to the Y4 tag rugby team who collected the bronze medal at a tournament at St Thomas More on Wednesday. The team demonstrated great skill, determination, and above all respect throughout their three matches, and had a wonderful time representing the school.

FILM NIGHT:

We managed to raise £237 this week from our KS1 and 2 film nights. Thank you for continuing to support the school by participating in these events!

HOLIDAY DATES 2019-20:

Holiday dates for 2019-20 have been set as follows:

	START	END	HALF-TERM
AUTUMN	2.9.19	20.12.19	21.10.19 – 25.10.19
<i>INSET</i>	TBC		
SPRING	6.1.20	3.4.20	17.2.20 – 21.2.20
<i>INSET</i>	TBC		
SUMMER	20.4.20	17.7.20	25.5.20 – 29.5.20
<i>INSET</i>	TBC		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Y4 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

The next Liturgy for our Y4 Sacramental Preparation group will take place during 9:30am Mass at St Mary's church on Sunday 4th November; the theme will be 'Baptismal Renewal'.

DIARY DATES (29.10.18 – 2.11.18)

MONDAY –

SCHOOL CLOSED

WEDNESDAY –

Reception Forest School session (all pupils to come in to school in own clothes – warm/layers, coats/hats/gloves/scarves, wellies; change of shoes required).

Y4 trip to Vindolanda.

KS1 Indoor Athletics festival (pupils involved will receive a letter).

THURSDAY –

Y1 and 6 Liturgy (2:30pm in School Hall – all welcome).

Y4 Catechist session.

FRIDAY –

Whole School Mass (9:30am – all welcome).