



## SCHOOL UPDATES

### SOME GOOD NEWS:

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Ledger gave birth to her daughter Faye Susan Ledger on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Mum and baby are both doing well, and we look forward to meeting baby Faye very soon!

### SPORTS UPDATE:

A huge well done to our Y4 basketball team who represented the school wonderfully this week – just falling short in the semi-finals on 'baskets scored'. The pupils demonstrated great skill, determination and fair play, and Mrs Joyce was very proud of their efforts on the day.

### Y1 AND 6 LITURGY:

Sincere apologies to all who came along to our Y1 and 6 Class Liturgy only to be turned away at the door due to the appearance of a bat in the school hall! The very poor timing of our winged friend meant that we had no time to forewarn parents/carers, and we're sorry for anyone who made special arrangements to be with us on the afternoon. That being said, it could have been even more interesting if the bat had decided to delay its entrance by 15 minutes! The Liturgy has been re-arranged for **2:30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.

### SKIPPING ROPES:

Following the success of their skipping workshops, Y2 and 4 have the opportunity to purchase a skipping rope in order to continue developing their skills at home. These can be purchased for £5 each by sending in money in a clearly labelled envelope.

### KS2 AUTHOR VISIT:

Unfortunately, Eloise Williams had to cancel her planned trip to the North East at short notice. We have returned all monies sent in to school to purchase books, and we hope to arrange a replacement session at some point this year.

## REMINDERS

### PARENTS' EVENING:

Thank you to all those who have signed up for appointments for our Parents Evenings next half term. Appointments must be made via the eschools system, so please get in contact with Mrs Noble in the school office if you are having trouble with this. At present, we still have 49 pupils across school not yet assigned an appointment time, and the booking system will close at 12pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Y4 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION LITURGY:

The next Sunday Liturgy for our Y4 pupils preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in June will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (during 9:30am Mass at St Mary's RC Church).

**KS1 AND 2 FILM NIGHTS:**

We will be holding our KS1 Film night (Reception to Y2) on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February and then our KS2 Film Night (Y3-6) on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The cost of the evening (3:15-5:15pm) is £3.50 per pupil (£5 per family). Please send money in to school in a clearly labelled envelope.

The children will be watching *Sherlock Gnomes* and *Hotel Transylvania 3*.

**FRIENDS DATES:**

The next meeting of the Friends of St Mary's will be at 9am on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The Friends will also be holding a Coffee Morning to raise funds for the school's Lenten appeal at 9am on 15<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome!

**DIARY DATES (11.2.19 – 15.2.19)**

MONDAY –

KS1 Film Night (3:15 – 5:15pm).

WEDNESDAY –

Gateshead Swimming Gala (pupils involved will receive a letter).

THURSDAY –

KS1 Film Night (3:15 – 5:15pm).

Y4 Liturgy (2:30pm; all welcome).

