



SCHOOL UPDATES

C2C 2019:

If you've been following the progress of our incredible C2C team this week, you'll be aware that the group have made a truly gargantuan effort battling apocalyptic weather conditions to complete as much of the ride as humanly possible! The efforts of our young people and their parents have been utterly inspirational, and what's more, the group have raised over £3500 for their chosen charity: Meningitis Now. You can still play your part in helping the group raise as much money as possible for this amazing cause by giving generously at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whickhamstmarysc2c2019>. You can also re-live the group's trials and tribulations on our Twitter page (@whickhamstmarys).

SPORTS DAY:

Due to persistent poor weather this week, **we have taken the decision to postpone Sports Day until Monday 24th June**. Hopefully, over the course of the next week, the field will have time to dry out sufficiently in order for the event to take place.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

200 CLUB:

Please find below the winners for our Friends of St Mary's 200 Club draws for March and April. If you'd like to be involved in the draw, please get in contact with school; numbers are available for £1 and monthly prizes range from £50 - £10. Many thanks!

March 2019

PRIZE	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	41	Mrs Gregory Smith
£25	90	Mrs M McMillan
£15	84	Miss E Williamson
£10	37	Mrs M Drummond

April 2019

PRIZE	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	3	Mrs A Johnston (Lewis)
£25	35	Mrs M Oswell
£15	116	Mrs K Fawcett
£10	113	Mrs T Brown (Church)

REMINDERS

Y6 LEAVERS CAKE STALL:

Y6 pupils and parents will be holding a cake and sweet stall each Friday after school to raise funds for their end of school year book.

WHEELIE WEDNESDAYS:

One way in which pupils in KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) can get involved in Bike Week is to bring their bike or scooter to school on Wednesday to ride during their afternoon sporting break. Pupils taking part must have their own bike/scooter and helmet in school. This opportunity will continue each Wednesday until the end of term.

WANTED – UNWANTED NEWSPAPERS:

A plea from Mrs Innerdale: we're on the lookout for old newspapers for an activity taking place in school in a couple of weeks' time. Please just send in to school with your child. Many thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY:

Please pray for the pupils in Year 4 who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 15th June. The celebration, which will take place at 10am at St Mary's RC Church, promises to be a wonderful occasion for all involved, and is a culmination of a year's worth of preparation and catechesis. As ever, we would love to encourage as many of these pupils and their families – as with all our families – to come along to play a part in the celebration of the Eucharist each week within our parish. Mass times are as follows:

Saturday 5:30pm at St Philip Neri RC Church (Dunston)

Sunday 9:30am at St Mary's RC Church (Whickham)

Sunday 11am at Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church (Lobley Hill)

RECEPTION AND Y5 LITURGY:

Due to a timetable clash, the Reception and Y5 Class Liturgy will now be held at **2:45pm on Wednesday 19th June 2019**. The liturgy will serve as a special celebration of the past year the two classes have spent as 'buddies'. All welcome!

FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING:

The Friends of St Mary's will be holding a coffee morning in school on Friday 21st June (9-10am) on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society. Everyone welcome, and all cake contributions will be very gratefully received on the day. Many thanks!

POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS:

We have been informed, in the past week, that the school is to be used (once again) as a polling station for the upcoming Police Crime Commissioner elections on Thursday 18th July. School and Pre-school will remain open as normal on the day. To avoid disruption in the kitchen on the second to last day of term, we are asking that all children bring a packed lunch on the day **unless they are in receipt of a free school meal and a parent/carer requests a school lunch for the day** by contacting the school office in advance. Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD (17.6.19 – 21.6.19)

MONDAY –

Sports Day – POSTPONED UNTIL 24TH JUNE 2019.

TUESDAY –

Y4 Big Gig (pupils have already received a letter with details).

WEDNESDAY –

Y6 retreat day with More Than Dance (pupils to come in to school in PE kit/tracksuit).

Reception Class heights and weights.

Reception and Y5 Class Liturgy (2:45pm in school; all welcome).

Hi-5 Netball at Kingsmeadow (pupils involved will receive a letter).

Y4 7-a-side football tournament at St Thomas More (pupils involved will receive a letter).

FRIDAY –

Y6 at Diocesan Youth Festival (Youth Ministry Village, Consett).

Friends coffee morning for the Alzheimer's Society (9-10am in school).

