

*'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'*

*St Francis of Assisi*

## **School Games Mark**



The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows us as a school to evaluate our PE provision and develop an action plan for the future. We are delighted to have been awarded the Gold Games Mark for 2018/19. This was validated earlier this term and to quote directly from the report, 'The school should be proud of this application and the evidence collated as part of the process which was amongst the best we have seen this year'. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs Eaves and Miss Wolfe who co-ordinate PE and sporting activities in our school and to parents for supporting their children to attend after school clubs and competitions. This is a wonderful achievement for our school and for the children.

## **PTA**

I am pleased to announce a new committee for the PTA. Mary Atterbury has been appointed as the Chair, Alison Norris will take on the role of Secretary and Anna Duda will be the Treasurer. There are already some exciting events organised to raise funds for the school. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November there will be a PTA meeting in school at 5.30pm. All parents are welcome to join. Please come along to support the new committee in their valuable work.



Mary



Alison



Anna

## **200 Club**

Congratulations to the 200 club winners for September and October. They were; A Chukwudebe, C Barber and G Brown. The £1000 draw will be done at the Christmas Fair on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like further information on how to join the 200 club, please call in at the school office.

## **Attendance**

Attendance last half term was 95.9% which is slightly below our target of 96%. Mrs Orridge's class had the best attendance last half term with 97.7%- well done! Let's see if we can raise our overall attendance to over 96% this half term.

### **National Youth Funday**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November we will be holding an own clothes day in support of the Briars (a Catholic retreat centre in Derbyshire) and to celebrate National Youth Funday. The children will be taking part in activities in class. In return for wearing their own clothes, we would like each child to bring in a 20p donation which will go to the Briars and a toy, book or teddy from home which is in good condition to go into the Toy Sale.

### **Toy Sale**

Organised by the PTA, the Toy Sale will be held in the school hall on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** from 3.15pm. We will need good quality second hand toys, teddies and books which will then be sold for 50p each to raise money for the school. Items can be sent in to the school office.

### **Christmas Wreath Competition- St John's Open Church 29<sup>th</sup> Nov-1<sup>st</sup> Dec**

We invite all children to bring in a decorated Christmas wreath for the annual parish wreath competition. The competition costs £1 per child entry and £2 per adult entry and children can bring them into school and we will get them to St John's where they will be displayed. Entries to be in school by the 25<sup>th</sup> November please. The church looked lovely last year when it was decorated with many wreaths from the parish and school community. This year, our Year 4 children will be opening the wreath festival by singing carols from 10am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at St John's. We welcome parents and families to come along to see them sing.



### **Aldi Stickers**

Thank you so much for all of the donations of stickers for the Aldi sports kits. This is a last call for any stickers you may have as we have almost filled our second sheet. We need around 100 stickers and it does not matter if it is a duplicate sticker so please do send them in.

### **God Bless**

*G. Brown*

**Gosia Brown- Head Teacher**

## Important Dates

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Meeting @5.30pm- school library. All welcome.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Liturgy in school hall @9.05am all welcome
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair delivered to school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Liturgy in school hall @9.05am all welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening in classrooms @3.30pm- all welcome
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y3 Liturgy in school hall @9.05am all welcome
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y3 Trip- Museum Takeover Day- more details to follow National Youth Fun Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 @Christmas Light Switch on- time TBC Y4 @Christmas Wreath Festival- 10am- St John's PTA Toy Sale in School Hall
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Advent Mass @2.30pm School Disco
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Menphys Carol Concert @De Montfort Hall
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair in School Hall from 3.15pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity @ 2pm- Convent Chapel
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity @2pm- Convent Chapel
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service@2pm- Convent Chapel
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service@2pm- Convent Chapel
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> /Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Heritage Play- Evening- Time TBC

