



Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe it is the end of January already. This has been a busy month with the school implementing the new curriculum in Geography and we also enjoyed a visit from His Majesty's Inspector. The finding of the report will soon be available on the school website.

I am grateful to all the staff for their continued hard work in implementing our curriculum. Staff have benefited from extensive training and support from the Our Lady of Lourdes Multi Academy Trust and we are continuing on our journey to ensure St Mary's becomes a school of excellence in all that we do.

I am confident you will find a great deal of information so please do enjoy reading the newsletter. May I also ask you to take note of key dates when the school is both open and closes for holidays.

Every good wish,

Joseph O'Connor

## Dates for the Diary

### Lent Term 2023

9<sup>th</sup> February - School Closes

10<sup>th</sup> February - Staff Inset Day

20<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school

31<sup>st</sup> March - School Closes

### Pentecost Term 2023

17<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school

10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Bank Holiday

1<sup>st</sup> May - May Day Bank Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> May - Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday

26<sup>th</sup> May - School Closes

29<sup>th</sup> May - Late May Bank Holiday

5<sup>th</sup> June - Back to school

20<sup>th</sup> July - School Closes





### Attendance and Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school to let us know. This can be done by calling the office on 01472 357982 or emailing the office at office@smp.nelcmail.co.uk or by messaging on the ScholarPack app.

### *Please do not message on Dojo.*

If your child is absent and we do not hear from you by one of the methods above, you will receive a phone call to ask the reason for the absence. If you do not respond to the phone call, then a home visit could be made. If we do not receive an acceptable reason for the absence, then it will be recorded as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences are reported to the Education Welfare officer and could result in a penalty notice.

### Pick Up

We ask that parents wait behind the cones which are placed at the bottom of the school playground. Staff will only release their child once they have seen the nominated parent/carer or person whose name appears on the permissions to take home form. Children will come out in their classes and will line up and will be dismissed accordingly. If someone turns up to collect a child who is not on the nominated list, the child will not be released to that person.

**This is for all the children's safety.**



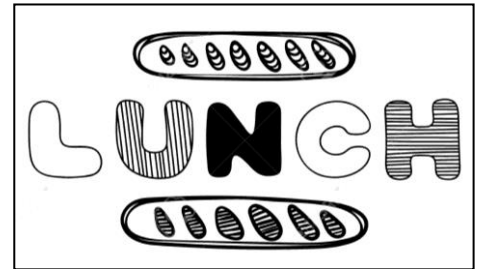
### Collection

Please could parents, when collecting their children, not block the Church entrance, car park or the drive located on Heneage Road.

**Please see the following items for your attention.**

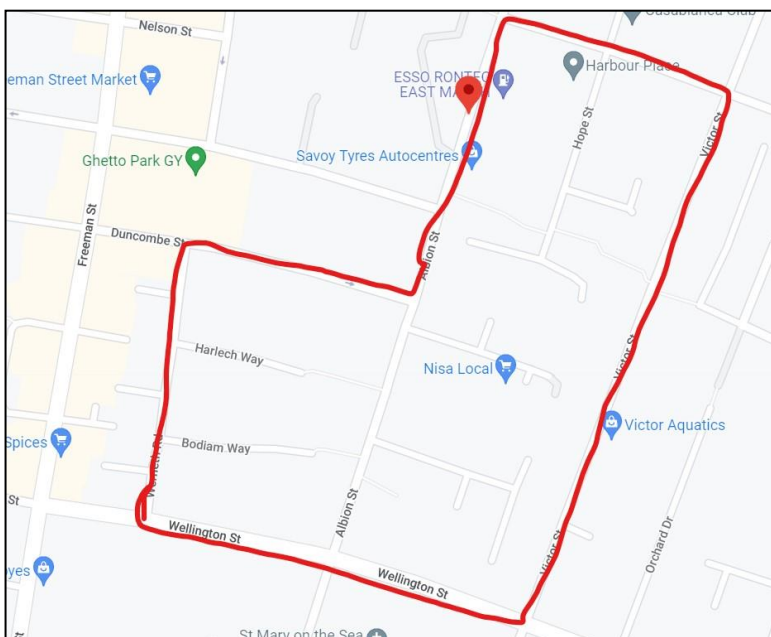
Lunches - Please remember to order lunches x2 weeks in advance. Please order via <https://nel.mealselector.co.uk/>

There will be a change of menu after the Easter Holiday.



### **Keep Britain Tidy - Spring Clean which runs from 17th March to 2nd April**

The Housing Officer for Lincolnshire Housing Partnership, who covers part of the East Marsh area, are arranging a clean-up day for an area on the East Marsh see the attached map on the 29th March 2023 running from around 9am to 4pm. They are planning on having some skips in Elliott House car park, Albion Street, whilst others will be going around the area with litter-pickers, brushes trying to tidy the area. Local Police officers, Councillors, LHP Staff, residents and some other agencies will also be taking part.





### WEAR RED DAY - Friday 3rd February

Show your support of congenital heart disease and Children's Heart Surgery Fund by donating £1 by wearing something **RED** on the first Friday in February.



CHILDREN'S  
HEART SURGERY  
FUND



Reminder to parents and carers that the school closes Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February and return Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. On Dojo there are a few exciting half term clubs.

### *Attendance*

Well done! to Year 5 who has the best attendance at 95.81%.  
The whole school attendance is currently at 93.56%.

**WELL  
DONE!**

**THE TRIN HOLIDAY CLUB**  
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

FOR AGES 6 - 11 YEARS

MONDAY 13TH - THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY  
10AM - 3PM  
£10 PER CHILD - PER DAY  
TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.CCSE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CCSE.ORG.UK)

Sports  
Arts & Crafts  
Baking  
Music & More

BOOK HERE

SCAN ME

\*PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH, DRINKS AND CLOTHING SUITABLE FOR THE WEATHER ON EACH DAY\*

## Road Safety

All parents,

This is a reminder from the Road Safety Team, after reports of dangerous and illegal parking from certain parents at St. Mary's School. All signage and markings are enforceable outside the school and we have scheduled regular visits from the Civil Enforcement Officers to monitor the area and may issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to parents parked in contravention of the markings. These restrictions are in place for the **SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN/PARENTS** at your school.

1. The Single Yellow Line near the school indicates that drivers must not wait in these areas and are much the same as a double yellow line except they only apply during certain times. The hours of operation of the Single Yellow Line restrictions in this area are Monday to Friday 8am-6pm. Drivers are allowed to stop on Single Yellow Lines to drop off or pick up passengers however, this should only be where the driver feels it is safe to do so and the vehicle should only be stopped for as long as it takes to get the passenger in or out of the vehicle. If parents wish to accompany their child into school, we strongly advise they park in a location that is not subject to any parking restrictions, in order to avoid receiving a Penalty Charge Notice.

We thank all parents who comply with current restrictions and would like to take the opportunity to remind all drivers to park legally, safely and with consideration for local residents who live in the area. As you aware the Road Safety team and St. Mary's School will work closely together to ensure the safety of pupils going to and from school and we want this to continue successfully.

The Road Safety Team



### Catholic Life

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 9th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'The Light of the World'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.



### Dates from the church calendar.

6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas
9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco
12 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St. Blaise
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	8 <sup>th</sup> February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Timothy and Titus		

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

### What we have been up to at St Marys

In RE this term, **Nursery** children visited the chapel to see where people can come to celebrate.



Our topic this half term in **Reception** is 'Dangerous Dinosaurs!'. Within this topic, we will investigate pre-historic animals, extinction and the planet as it was 65 million years ago! We will discuss and compare similarities and differences between pre-historic creatures and animals that roam the Earth today. Children will be inspired to join in and use language to describe and identify dinosaurs. They will do this through investigating fossils and footprints. Through stories such as 'Worrysaurus' children will express and talk about their feelings. They will investigate what dinosaurs ate and develop understanding of past and present times.



This term **Year 1** we are looking at special people. Mr O'Connor came to talk to us all about why we are so special. We have also looked at who is in the parish family and their different roles. We had the chance to use our acting skills to, and we retold the story of the Presentation.

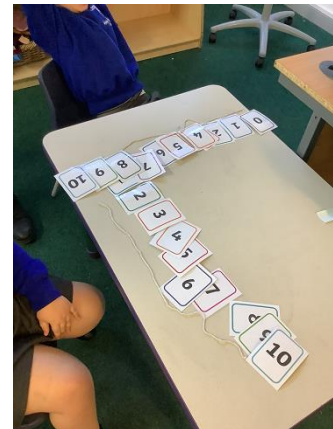


In Design & Technology this term **Year 1** are also exploring mechanisms. The children will have lots of chances to explore axles, chassis and wheels and looks at what types work best.





In Science, this term we are exploring humans and animals. So far we have looked at our different body parts and explored the 5 senses. This included having fun using our sense of touch to help us identify objects. We have now moved onto looking at the six different animal groups. In Maths this term **Year 1** are looking at addition and subtraction within 20. We started off the topic by making our own number lines on the tables! The children thought this was great fun!



Also in **Year 1** Geography our topic is about our local area. We have been looking at where Grimsby is in the United Kingdom and then we have gone on to explore the differences between human and physical features.



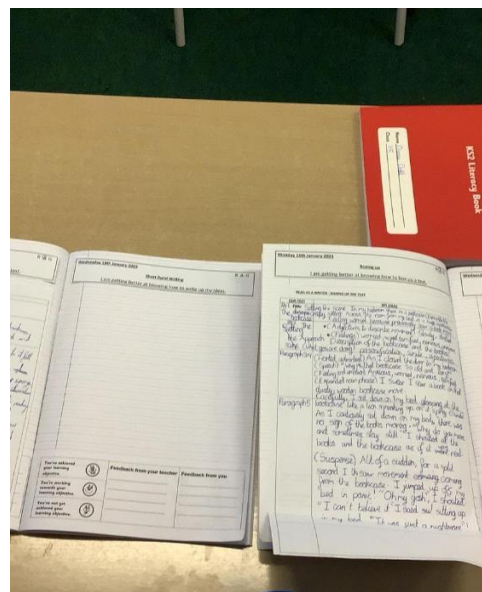




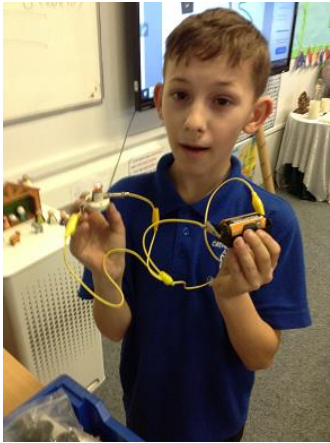
In **Year 3 P. E** - we have been doing gymnastics and practising our balance skills. Our Geography topic is volcanoes and earthquakes. Children helped to make an ash cloud and the core of our volcano for our display. In Art we have been learning all about pop art and practicing our painting technique just like Andy Warhol. In our Science lessons, we have been learning all about rocks and made a model of sedimentary rocks using different coloured dough.



In the **Year 5 RSHE** lesson they learnt a very important life skill of how to put another person in the recovery position. They also have been working hard discussing ideas to complete their own short burst writing stories.



In Year 6 science, we have been making electrical series circuits. We have been learning about resistance and experimenting with length of wires, buzzers, light bulbs and motors. In Design & Technology, we have been looking at bridges and the shapes that are used to make them strong. We built our own bridges to see if they were strong enough to hold as many 2p coins as possible.



## Sports Competition

A few action shots from the years 3/4 athletics competition held on Friday 20th January. Well done to all that took part.

