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Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and News-feeds)

[School Holidays \(stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk\)](http://stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk)

- Monday 14th November- Anti- Bullying Week- Odd Socks Day!
- November 21st and 22nd- Parents Evenings
- Wednesday 16th November- Flu Vaccines in school
- November 21st- 25th Scholastic Book fair in school.
- Friday 25th November- school closed- PD Day (see holiday list also)
- November 27th- 4 weeks of Advent Begins- wear something purple to-day!
- Monday December 12th- Afternoon and Evening performances for our EYFS/KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm and 5.30pm Save the date- further details will follow.
- Saturday 12th December- Christmas Fair 10-12 in school. All Welcome.
- Monday 12th December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity. 1.30pm and 5.30pm. Further details will follow. Wednesday 14th December- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch Day
- Monday 19th December- Christmas Carol Service- 3.30- 4pm. Narrated by KS2 and all classes involved in Carol singing. All welcome- further details to follow.
- Tuesday 20th December- break up for Christmas



BLACK HISTORY EXHIBITION

Thank you again to everyone who came along to the exhibition- there's some lovely pictures on Facebook and Around School if you didn't manage to see it.



Next week our Virtues are: **Confidence** and **Self Belief**

Belief in oneself and one's powers or abilities;

Feeling self confident and assured.

Having confidence in own abilities or judgement

Ability to complete tasks and achieve goals

Happy birthday to William who celebrates his birthday this next week.. Have a lovely day William.

Stars of the week—don't forget to look on our school website to see who are our Stars this week and photographs on the Around School Section too.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER



Thank you to Mrs Coulthard and Emma who will be representing St Mary's at the service on Sunday. Details were sent out via Weduc for anyone wanting to attend. Congregation to be seated by 10:50am at St Mary's Church in Barnard Castle.

'Lest We Forget'



St Mary's is one of few schools in County Durham to achieve 'Outstanding' in Personal Development. As part of our commitment to fully support both our children and staff we have made a pledge to work towards achieving the Health and Wellbeing Award.

We want St Mary's to be a 'special place to be' for our whole school community.



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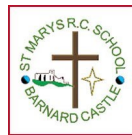
Our Trust Virtues

(Please see the additional A4 poster I have attached with further information about each Virtue)

Our Trust Virtues are weaved into all areas of our curriculum, and everything we do here at St Mary's. It is important that as we teach the virtues to our children that they have a good understanding of the vocabulary as well as what that looks like in themselves, in

others, in our school. Here are the 7 Virtues that we promote and celebrate as a school community:

- ◆ **Respect**
- ◆ **Responsibility**
- ◆ **Justice**
- ◆ **Compassion**
- ◆ **Self Belief**
- ◆ **Resilience**
- ◆ **Honesty**
- ◆ **Confidence**



Have that conversation with your child... can they tell you the Virtue we have been exploring in school and more importantly, do they know what that looks like in action?

Attendance this week:

Robins: 100% Fabulous!

Larks: 96.7%

Swifts: 99.7%

Owls: 96.1%



Well done **Robins** class!

Please see our attendance policy on the school website for further information about expectations and parental responsibilities.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised and fines may occur.



Climate Change Champions

This week has been a very important week for some of our children who applied to join our Climate Change Champions in school. We held interviews on Thursday and I am delighted to share with you the names of our three new Champions in school:

Sophie, Phoebe and Abigail

Girls, you blew me away with the skills and mature attitude you have demonstrated throughout this process and I am sure, not only will you make amazing Climate Change Champions, but the skills and attitudes you have shown you have now, will take you far in life when you are older and applying for jobs.

An excellent example of virtues in action... FANTASTIC and very well done!

Next meeting: 23rd November 11am- see you there boys and girls!

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for the boxes and items we have received... it is fantastic. **If anyone has any shoe boxes, I think we might need them!!** If you do, please can you bring them in next week for us to fill. Thank you so much St Mary's.

Advent Begins...

The First Sunday of Advent, the start of a four-week observation beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, takes place on **November 27 this year**. Come to school wearing something purple on Monday 28th

