



*'We are journeying together through Ordinary Time'*

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

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

- Monday October 10th- World Mental Health Day- theme: 'Now you're talking'
- Friday 14th October 2.30pm- Harvest Festival Assembly. All Welcome.
- Tuesday 18th October- Year5/6 (Owls) Eden Camp trip. **Thursday 20th- Break up for half term**
- Friday 4th and Monday 7th November- Black History Exhibition. School Hall- drop in 3.30-4.30pm
- Monday 14th November- Anti- Bullying Week
- November 21st and 22nd- Parents Evenings



Thank you to everybody who came along to support our MacMillan coffee morning. It was wonderful to see the hall so full. We will let you know how much we managed to raise on Monday, but a HUGE thank you to everybody involved for helping us make it happen.

Amazing work St Mary's!

**TOTAL RAISED £335**

Thank you



Next Week our Trust Virtue is: [Compassion and Justice](#)

*A feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken with misfortune.*

*Accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.*

*The quality of being just: righteousness.*

*The moral principle determining conduct*

BLACK HISTORY

MONTH

OCTOBER 2022

Don't forget to log into Scopay if you would like your child to attend any of the films dedicated to Black History this month on a Monday evening. This week our Bigfoot Arts Production is :

'Come An See Anansi'

Thank you



Happy birthday this week to Robbie and Rose, who both celebrate their birthday this week. Have a lovely day!



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.

### CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPIONS!

What a job our Climate Change Champions are doing! They are helping me this week, as part of a research reading group to review books aimed at primary school children. This week they reviewed this book for me and gave some very positive feedback- the children would also like me to purchase the book for the climate change section in our school library. Thank you boys and girls- I appreciate your help.

Recommended Read: *If Polar Bears Disappeared* by Lily Williams. *'A lovely book about the importance of protecting polar bears.'*



Thank you so much to Erin in our Larks class for bringing in so many beautiful books and recommended reads that link to our Black History month and also diversity... something we celebrate every day at St Mary's, not just during a month of the year.

Erin recommends these books and the children have enjoyed reading them in class too:





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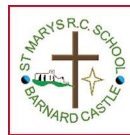
### Our Trust Virtues

(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**



We will also start sharing each Virtue that we are focussing on-linking also to our liturgical year, on our weekly newsletters. 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?

Thank you parents.

### Attendance this week:

Robins: 98.7%

Larks: 98%

Swifts: 93.1%

Owls: 92.5%



Well done Larks 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.**

Thank you to everybody who came along to our Family Mass on Thursday, It was lovely to see you there, especially our new families joining us this year. You are all very welcome.

### Parents Evenings

Parents Evening will take place this term on **Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd November 3.30pm- 6pm**

Appointments can be made via the office as of next week. It is expected all parents make an appointment. Thank you