



## Reflection



This Sunday we hear the story of two men, one of whom is rich and feasts every day on good food. The other man, Lazarus, is poor and he longs for something to eat.

God created the world with enough food for everyone. But we are not sharing fairly. Some of us are like the rich man and we have more food than we can eat. Some of us are like Lazarus and go to bed hungry every night.

Every single person in the world is special. We are all loved by God. And every single person in our big global family has the right to enough food to live a healthy life. But some of us aren't able to get enough food.

God calls us to share what we have and to do all that we can to help each other get enough to eat. God asks us not to ignore each other, but to reach out and help one another.

What could you do to help make sure that all people here and around the world have enough food to eat?

**Prayer:** Loving God, every one of us is special and loved by you. Help us to do all that we can so that everyone throughout the world has enough to eat. Amen.

## Family Mass

We have our first Family Mass of the school year this Sunday at 11am at St Mary's Church. We would love to see as many of our families as possible to begin our school year as a parish. Bacon sandwiches will be shared afterwards in the school hall.

## Rosary Day

A priority on our school development plan this year is involving family in the prayer life of the school. On **Thursday 6th October**, it will be the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. This year, we are inviting parents/family members to come into class to pray with the children. In KS2, children will be praying a decade of the rosary. If the children have their own set of rosary beads, they may bring these to school with them, however we do have full class sets in school. These are short prayer sessions and have been staggered throughout the day to allow for those classes with siblings.

**Year 6: 9.00-9.10am**

**Year 5: 9.15- 9.25am**

**Year 4: 9.30- 9.40am**

**Year 3: 9.45-9.55am**

**Year 2: 2.45- 2.50pm**

**Year 1- 2.55- 3pm**

**Reception- 3.05- 3.10pm**

Parents/carers will enter and leave the classroom via the door the children normally leave from on an evening. We hope you can join us to share in our prayer on this special day.



### **Macmillan coffee morning**

All our families are warmly invited to the Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 30 September at 9.15am** in the school hall. We would appreciate any donations of **nut free** buns or cakes by **Wednesday 28 September**. We hope you can join us to have a drink and a coffee and raise money for this very worthy cause. Any buns remaining will be sold at the end of the school day.

### **Class Mass**

We have our first Class Mass of the year next Friday 30 September for Year 3 and Year 6 at 11am. Family members are warmly invited to join the children. This year we are having our class Masses in the church rather than the hall.

### **Harvest Festival**

On **Friday 7 October**, all parents are invited to join us for our harvest festival at 2.30pm in the school hall. It will be led by the Mini Vinnies but each class will share something about harvest. We are asking children to donate tinned goods that will be donated to the SVP food bank. Tins can be brought in from Tuesday 27 September until Thursday 6 October. The class that brings the highest number of tins will win a prize.

### **Staffing News**

Mrs Polzin will leave us to commence her maternity leave on Friday 30 September. We wish her and Mr Polzin good luck and much happiness for their imminent arrival.

We also have more baby news as the stork appears to be very busy at St Mary's currently. Mrs Wray is expecting a baby in March so we wish her all the best for baby number 3. We appreciate Year 4 will be concerned as to another maternity leave in their year group but we will communicate plans as soon as possible for staffing. Miss Martin is due to leave St Mary's at February half term as she has been covering maternity leave but as she leaves us, she will also be having a baby, due in March, so we wish her all the best for baby number 2!

### **PTA reminder**

The annual AGM will be on Wednesday 28th September at 8pm via Zoom. Please join us if you can.  
To join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97337261864>  
MeetingID:973 3726 1864  
Passcode:d85x5W

### **Year 3 and Year 4 English meeting**

The Year 3 and 4 English meeting will take place via Zoom at 4pm on Monday 26 September. This will be recorded and saved onto the class pages for parents to view at a convenient time for those parents unable to join at 4pm. The aim of these meetings are to make you aware of what your child is expected to be able to do in English in the year groups and how you can support them. This year we are particularly focused on writing and spelling in our school development plan. If your child is in a different year group but working at Year 3 or Year 4 level, you are more than welcome to join the meeting.

Topic: Year 3 and 4 English meeting  
Time: Sep 26, 2022 04:00 PM London  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86819781637?pwd=YVhtbnN2S0RINW5qQ1k5RENwVzVCUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 1978 1637

Passcode: 069562

## NEWSLETTER – 23 September 2022

### Uniform policy

We have updated our uniform policy in line with new DfE guidance. It can be found [here](#) on our website. We would like to take this opportunity to take feedback on our uniform policy via this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7NGSPHH> It will take 1 minute to complete and will help us to further develop the policy. We have asked PC Sports in Yeadon to become an additional stockist to Rawcliffes and they are awaiting samples of the uniform to ensure it matches. We will inform you when they are able to supply uniform but it will be in the near future.

### Open Classroom Event

Thank you to all those who attended the open classroom event for Year 1 – Year 6, it was lovely to see so many family members able to attend to meet their child's new teacher.

### Annual Planner

Please find attached our annual planner for 2022-2023. Be advised some dates may have to change throughout the year but we hope this helps you to plan your diaries.

### Houses

We have re-launched our house names this year and wanted the children to be involved in the decision process. So last week the whole school voted out of 4 options for the new house team names. The votes were counted and the children have elected 'Local Landmarks' as the new house names. All the staff and children have been allocated their new house and are in the same house as their siblings. We're planning on some house competitions throughout the year, house trips and can't wait to see which house will win the dojo points trophy each week.

Our new houses:



### Busy busy

We may have had an additional bank holiday this week but we have crammed a lot in over the last 2 weeks. Northern Arts have started their weekly sessions with all classes from Year 2 – Year 6 focused on the English texts the children are working on. They are using drama to develop their vocabulary and ideas to improve their writing.

We have had school council elections, shared collective worship with St Joseph's Pudsey and St Stephen's Skipton via Zoom and an Open the Book assembly as well as lots of learning.

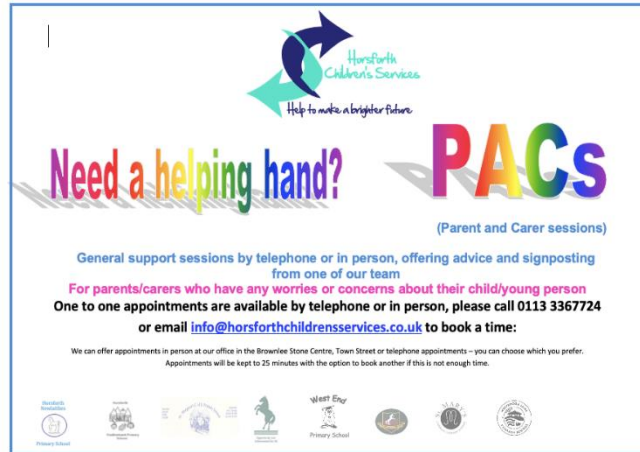
The Reception children have settled in beautifully into school life and the Year 6 buddies have shown themselves to be exemplary.


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### Wellbeing

St Mary's Horsforth work closely with Horsforth Children Services to support the children's mental health needs. If you are worried about your child, please contact school or contact Horsforth Cluster using their PACs sessions. We very lucky to have an excellent learning mentor school too, Mrs Leng, who supports children with wide range of needs.

Our mental health strategy can be found [here](#).




  
 Help to make a brighter future.

**Need a helping hand?**


**PACs**  
 (Parent and Carer sessions)

General support sessions by telephone or in person, offering advice and signposting from one of our team

**For parents/carers who have any worries or concerns about their child/young person**

**One to one appointments are available by telephone or in person, please call 0113 3367724 or email [info@horsforthchildrensservices.co.uk](mailto:info@horsforthchildrensservices.co.uk) to book a time:**

We can offer appointments in person at our office in the Brownlee Stone Centre, Town Street or telephone appointments – you can choose which you prefer. Appointments will be kept to 25 minutes with the option to book another if this is not enough time.



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### Sources of Support for Wellbeing

Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/> or any time free from any phone 116 123 or email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/support-and-information/if-yourehaving-difficult-time/if-youre-worried-about-your-mental-health-during-coronavirusoutbreak>

Young Minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk/> or Parent Helpline 0808 802 5544 free for mobiles and landlines – Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.00pm for concerns relating to child / young person's mental health up to the age of 25.

The Papyrus Helpline: if you are worried about someone and need to talk or find out how best to support them [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org) Their work deals with suicide prevention call 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039 967 or email: [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org)

Kooth: free safe and anonymous support for 11-19 year olds online. [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Childline: Resources and activities for children to manage emotions and promote positive mental health.

Contact number 0800 11 11. [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

CAMHS: Children's Adolescent Mental Health Service - single point of access for advice and support.

[Leeds MindMate Single Point of Access - MindMate](#) or call 03005550324.

If you are worried about a family or individual: Leeds Children's Social Work Services: 0113 222 4403 (Weekdays, 9am to 5pm, excluding Wednesdays when open from 10am), you don't need to give your name if you don't want to.

### Parents / Carers additional support / advice

Anna Freud Centre helping children and young people to manage anxiety booklet. This guide offers approaches for school staff or parents and carers to help children and young people manage anxiety during this period <https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/helping-children-and-young-people-to-manage-anxiety/>

ELSA Support provides downloadable resources which are ready to print and use. Focus on emotional support and wellbeing for the family <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk>

NSPCC support and advice for parents and carers <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>



**Headteacher Awards**

Reception – Jude Mc & Leo A  
Year 1 – Noah W & Jasmine L  
Year 2 – Joshua F & Lucas H  
Year 3 – Alfie T & Emelia M  
Year 4 – Alanna D & Thomas W  
Year 5 – Callum G & Evie I  
Year 6 – Anna G & Florence R

**Virtue Awards – Love of Learning**

Reception – Enzo M  
Year 1 – Pearl W  
Year 2 – Hattie E  
Year 3 – Charlotte F  
Year 4 – Jemima H  
Year 5 – Alex G  
Year 6 – Naia G

**Diary Dates**

**\*denotes parents welcome**

**September**

Sunday	25	11.00am	Family Mass in church*
Monday	26	4.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	28		Mini Vinnie Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>PTA AGM via Zoom – all welcome</b>
Thursday	29		R, Y1, Y2, Y6 – Darker skies project
Friday	30	9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning*
Friday	30	11.00am	Year 3 and Year 6 Mass*

**October**

Monday	3	4.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Tuesday	4		Reception Class Saint Day – St Francis
Wednesday	5	3.30pm	Reception parents phonic meeting*
Thursday	6		Rosary Day*
Friday	7	11.00am	Year 4 and Year 1 class Mass in church*
Friday	7	2.30pm	Harvest Festival*
Monday	10		Year 6 Residential
Monday	10	4.00pm	Year 2 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	12	4.00pm	Year 1 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	12		Open the Book
Tuesday	18	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>Flu immunisations - change of date</b>
Wednesday	19	2.00pm	Reception stay and play session*
Thursday	20	9.15am	Year 5 class assembly*
Thursday	20	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	20		School closes
Friday	21		Training Day



## **Parish News**

### **HOLY NAME SVP CONFERENCE**

If anyone is struggling due to the rise in the cost of living or with any other issues, we might be able to help. Contact us on 07790428355.

### **NEW OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS**

Amanda is now based in the office at Holy Name which is situated on the left-hand side of the church. Hours will continue to be Tuesday – Friday 9am until 12noon. Items for her attention can still be posted through the SM office door or given to the priests.

### **NEW MOBILE NUMBERS**

Both Fr. Michael & Fr Henry now have mobile numbers that they can be contacted on should you need to speak to them directly. Father Michael – 07857 854884 Father Henry – 07415 848169

### **FAMILY MASS AT SM**

This Sunday's 11am Mass at SM will be led by the children. Following the Mass there will be bacon butties & refreshments in the SM hall and an opportunity to join in with an activity celebrating Together with Refugees Day of Action.

### **FATHER MICHAEL'S INDUCTION CELEBRATION**

Fr Michael will be formally inducted as Parish Priest to the Our Lady of Kirkstall Parish by the Dean Fr Gerard Kearney on Wednesday 5th October in Holy Name Church at 7pm. All are welcome to come and celebrate with him. There will be refreshments in the HN Church Hall after the Mass.

### **SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)**

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am