

19<sup>th</sup> January  
2024



## St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

Website: [www.smsb.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.smsb.lancs.sch.uk)

Contact email: [office@smsb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@smsb.lancs.sch.uk)

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Beesley	Riley and Blake	Wan Yat
Benedict	Aniela and Klay	Alice
Finch	Lacey and Chloe	Jessica
Haydock	Maxamilian and Alexis	Linda-Hannah
Marsden	Hunter and Ruben	Madeline
Mary	Fabian and Sophie	Ben
Rigby	Aarav and Theo	Aurora
Southworth	Stanley and Mylo	Phoebe
Ward	Elektra and Leo	Amelia B
Woodcock	Kyle and Maciej	Iga



**Spring Term Parents' Evening** – Thank you to all who attended Parents' Evening on Wednesday, despite the extremely cold weather! Staff were overwhelmed with the many positive comments they received during the evening. Well done to some of our Y6 pupils who did a commendable job in ensuring the event ran smoothly.

**Sacramental Programme and Celebration Assembly** - The next Sacramental Programme meeting will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6:25pm in church. This will also be celebrated in church during Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to come along and join them.

**Community Larder** – Please continue to support our local food bank by bringing into school an item of food each week. The Community Larder is situated at the back of St Aidan's Church Hall, on Station Road and provides food and support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge, Clayton-le-Woods, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. It is open Monday – Friday 9:30am – 11:30am and is dependent upon food donations from local Christian communities and schools. Thank you for your continued donations.



**Parish Mass** - As Church was having a new carpet fitted this week, we held Mass in the KS2 hall on Wednesday. We don't often have school Masses, as Church is so convenient, but Mrs Livesey reminded us of our beautiful altar cloths and silverware that has been donated for such occasions.

The silverware was donated in memory of Michael D Love. He was posthumously granted the Distinguished Service Medal by HM Queen Elizabeth II, for gallant service in the Falklands in 1982. It is fitting that, as an ex-pupil, who gave such service for his colleagues, we remembered him during our Mass. Father Mark spoke to the congregation about him and his memory: please remember him in your own prayers.



At the end of Mass, Father Mark commissioned our school's chaplaincy team. They have been tasked to help us to Grow In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) and you may see them wearing their special black fleeces. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January is their next event - a coffee morning after Mass, to be held in the KS2 hall, to raise money for a Catholic cause of their choice. Please come along and meet them: they want to meet you!

**Easter Activity Clubs** - Chris and Marcus, our coaches from Pro-skill Sports Development, are running Easter Activity Clubs Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Children can attend any session which run from 9:00am until 3:00pm and will need to bring a packed lunch.

Activities offered will be team games, multi-sports, dodgeball, cricket, football and netball. The cost is just £11.00 per child per day or £40.00 for all four days. Please book via ParentPay, and please remember there are limited places.