



### IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- Please ensure that your child arrives at school before 8:50am. Registration takes place from 8:50-9am, so pupils should be in school in plenty of time for gates to close at 8:50am. Thank you.
  - Please read the below notes regarding packed lunches and the return of school reading books.
  - Change of PE day: pupils in **Reception Class** will now have PE on a **Thursday** each week instead of a Friday.
  - REMINDER – Please read the below note regarding recruitment to a Teaching Assistant position at St Mary's and share with anyone you think may be interested.
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### SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

#### PACKED LUNCHES:

Please be reminded that nuts and products containing nuts must not be brought in packed lunches as we have pupils with severe nut allergies in school.

This includes:

- Peanut butter/nut butters
- Chocolate products (including spreads) containing nuts
- Cereal bars containing nuts
- Cakes made with/containing nuts
- Products containing sesame seeds (as these may also cause an allergic reaction)
- Any other product containing nuts

#### A PLEA:

Please could all parents ensure that all school reading books are returned to school each week. In particular, please could all families (even if pupils are now in KS2) check bookshelves at home and ensure that all Read Write inc/Oxford Reading Tree books are returned as a matter of urgency. In some cases, we are several books short in a particular set which is affecting our reading routines, and we do not wish to waste limited school resource on purchasing new copies if there are books still to be returned. Thank you.

#### SPORTS ROUND-UP:

A huge well done to our Y2 pupils who have recently represented the school at a couple of sporting events: sports hall athletics and cricket, as well as our Y4 basketball team who represented the school in competition at Whickham School on Monday. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves at each event and represented the school fantastically.

Good luck to our Y5/6 netball team who will be representing the school in the Gateshead finals of the 'Bee Netball' competition at the International Stadium on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing how they get on in the competition.

#### RECRUITMENT:

We are currently seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to join our dedicated and dynamic staff team (see advert [here](#)). We have extended the advert for this position as we have not yet received a suitable number of high-quality candidates.

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in this position, Mr Wheatley would be very keen to talk to you – especially if there are any particular considerations or concerns preventing you from applying. Please get in touch via the usual channels for an initial chat.