



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 15th December 2023

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‘Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God’



Dear Parents/Carers,

The week started in style with our fantastic, annual WHOLE SCHOOL trip to the Pantomime at the Lowther Pavilion “Jack and the Beanstalk.”

In our final Celebration Assembly of the year we lit the remaining candles of our Advent wreath.

The third candle, the pink candle, symbolises JOY- This symbolises the Joy experienced upon the birth of Jesus.

The final purple candle symbolises LOVE- we eagerly await the birth of Jesus and the Love he brings to all.

As we will not be together on Christmas day we lit the Final candle, the White candle together and said a special prayer for our hopes and dreams at Christmas.

On behalf of all at St. Mary's we wish you a very Happy Christmas and hope that you get the chance to spend special time together with your families making memories.



Freya Stevens, Class 4 has written a prayer to share at this special time:

Dear Lord,

As we celebrate your birth, your gift of everlasting love and care
will never end and we remember this as we celebrate Christmas
with our families.

Amen

Christmas Mass Times

Canon Adrian shares the Mass times as below;

Christmas Eve (Sunday) Children's Mass 5.30 pm and Mass during the Night ('Midnight Mass')
8.30 pm, both at St Andrew's Cottam;

Christmas Day (Monday) 9.00 am St Mary's Lea Town and 10.30 am at St Andrew's Cottam.

Pantomime- Whole School visit to Jack and the Beanstalk!

We had a great time at the Pantomime on Monday. May I once again thank Members of the FOSM for covering half of the transport costs and Canon Adrian for covering the remaining costs.

I would also like to thank everyone who volunteered and came along with us to enable the high ratio of adults required. Without your help we would not have been able to have such a special theatre experience!!



"It was really good and I liked it because of all the acting" Henry Doherty

"You could let your imagination run wild it was that fun and the dancers were so good!" Nabila Malek

"I think it was an amazing play with a lot of thought and effort. I especially liked when they came out running down the aisles" James Picking

"It was wonderful and brilliant" Esmee Woodruff- Brown

Christmas Campfire – 15.12.23

Today our Forest School Lead Mrs. Reid planned a special experience for EVERY pupil and staff member in school. A Christmas Campfire. Everyone got to enjoy Hot chocolate and toast marshmallow to make a delicious smore. Mmmmmmmmmmm!

As you can see below everyone had lots of fun!!





Breakfast and After School Club- Safety Notice!

Could I politely remind families not to use the school driveway and car park for drop off or pick-up. I appreciate the weather is not always kind at this time of year and that we all have places to rush on to, but additional cars driving down and more often reversing cause a significant risk to pupils and staff alike. We do ask for your cooperation for the safety and wellbeing of all.

Breakfast club operates from 7.45 am and to enable pupils and staff to be in class punctually the last food items will be served at 8.30 a.m.

19th December 2023 – Christmas Dinner Day (£2.45 for pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 unless eligible for free school meals)

Non Uniform Days –

18.12.23 – Christmas Party Day – wear own Party clothes – **NO CHARGE**

19.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day – **NO CHARGE**

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish we have created a '*Helping Hands Fund*' – This means we have a stock of tinned food/ non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

W/C 11th December - No Extra Curricular Clubs until January

Friday 15th December - Forest School – 'Christmas Campfire'

Celebrations Awards

**** Please note these awards will be presented on Friday 12th January 2023 ****

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Thomas McMillan	Diana Stec	Ella - Grace Mclaughlin
Class 2	Eli Heslop	Ivy Robinson	
Class 3	Louisa Nelson	Joey Farley	James Picking
Class 4	Jake Skeffington	Alythia McKeever	

At St. Mary's School we

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!"



