



## St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

### Newsletter – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

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*Happy are those who hear the word of God  
and keep it' Luke 11:28*



Dear Parent/Carer,

This week the Winter Chill has been in the air as we head towards our special time of Advent and our Christmas preparations.

### **Advent Service, Christmas Light Switch on and Bingo - 3.12.18**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December we will have our annual Advent Service and Christmas Light switch on. All pupils have brought home an individual letter with all timings and arrangements.

After the Service the FOSM have organised Christmas Bingo. If you are able to help on the night a jobs signing up sheet is in our School Office and we would be most grateful of any extra pairs of hands!!

### **Raffle Tickets- St. Mary's Church**

St. Mary's Annual Christmas Raffle tickets have arrived and are priced at 25p each or £1.00 per booklet with some fantastic prizes available. A first prize of £50, with other prizes including a turkey, Christmas cakes and lots of bottles and chocolates!!

Each pupils has come home with 2 booklets and we would be most grateful if you could return tickets with the completed slips and monies to the Office by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November . Any unwanted tickets can be returned to the School Office.

Should you require any additional tickets please ask Mrs. Lofthouse.

### **Colder weather – Coats in School**

Can we ask that as the weather has taken a much cooler turn all pupils have a coat in school for break and lunchtimes. We still have a quite a number of children who do not have a coat in school. Thank you for your support.

## **Supervision on the Yard**

Just a reminder that Staff are always available on the School Yard from 8.45 am each day. Before that time School staff do not provide supervision and pupils are under the care and responsibility of their own parents/ carers. School staff are not responsible for any accidents/ incidents prior to 8.45 am.

At the end of the school day staff members will bring pupils out and see that they are collected by their parent/ carer or named adult. We do remind all adults that, for Safety reasons, pupils must be collected from inside the School Grounds and pupils will not be allowed to leave the school gates to meet family members. As you will appreciate we are close to a busy road and this is a very busy time of day. This is to ensure the safety and well being of all our pupils which is of paramount importance and we thank you for your continued support.

On many occasions families choose to stay on the School grounds after school has closed, from 3.15 pm. After this time pupils are the responsibility of their own parents/ carers.

## **Class One – Reception Pupil – parent link- 29.11.18**

As we continue to build links with our families we would like to invite parents/ carers of our Reception pupils into school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of November from 2.45 pm. The children will share their Learning Journeys and there will be an opportunity for you to celebrate their learning and add your own comments. We hope you will come along and join us!!

## **Big School Adventures – Every Thursday**

This week we held our first Big School Adventure session and it was lovely to see some new faces. This is a free session for pre-school children aged 3 and above and is an invaluable opportunity for children to come along and experience school life. It has been very successful and has really grown over the last few years. It has had a very positive impact on the pupils who have joined reception class enabling a very smooth transition into school. **Sessions are now taking place every Thursday from 1.15 pm.** Please ask if you need any further information.

## **Christmas Food Market – Coming Soon!! – 20.12.18**

This holiday we are running a new initiative called “ **Holiday Markets**”. Lots of Schools are taking up this fantastic initiative with 50% of families sharing the market and it has made a big impact on their holiday budgets.

Holiday Markets take place before each school holiday and are open to ALL families. Families can choose as much or a little as they want!! We will have a ‘shop’ set up in our School library.

You can pick up a great variety of foods such as yogurts, fruit, Baby Bell cheeses etc. and you simply “ **PAY AS YOU FEEL**” . There is no fixed cost/ charge, simply a donation as you see fit. You do not hand cash over to an adult, simply put whatever you feel into a donations bucket.

All you need to do is bring along a carrier bag and come and shop on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of December at 2.45 pm!!**

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Every Friday 2.45 p.m.	-	Celebration Assembly, everyone welcome
27th November 2018	-	Flu Vaccinations
30th November 2018	-	PJ Day – donation for chocolate bingo!
3rd December 2018	-	Christmas Tree Lights Switch On 4.15 p.m.
4th December 2018	-	Advent Service, St. Anthony's Church 6.00 p.m.
9th December 2018	-	Family Mass 9.00 a.m.
13th December 2018	-	Nativity 2.00 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.
14th December 2018	-	Pantomime
14th December 2018	-	Christmas Disco
19th December 2018	-	Christmas Lunch
20th December 2018	-	School closes for Christmas

## **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner</b> <b>Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>
Class 1	Noah Foxall-Holmes	Macie Dixon
Class 2	Dane Lewis	Jonah Hurtault
Class 3	Luke Moyes	George Stevens
Class 4	Saffron Hakim	Ava Kilshaw
	<b>Welfare – Lunch Time Award</b>	
	<b>Key Stage One</b>	<b>Key Stage Two</b>
	Callum Tennent	George Stevens

***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!"*

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO**  
**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 5pm**

(Following Christmas tree lights switch on)

Free Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

*(Courtesy of Lea and Cottam Parish Council)*

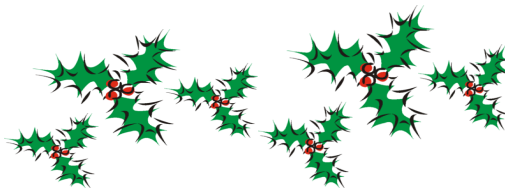
Following this we have Bingo - Raffle

On sale throughout the evening

Tea/Coffee – Hot Chocolate -Juice

Biscuits and Hot Dogs

Please help FOSM to raise funds for school



*Important dates for your diary.*

*30th November. PJ DAY. Please bring a chocolate donation for Bingo!*

*3rd December. Christmas light switch on at 4.15 p.m. followed by family bingo*

*14th December. Christmas Ball KS1 \*\* Time Change \*\**

*Hannah Reid- Chair of FOSM*