



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 14th December 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 we enter our Third week of Advent .

This week we lit our Pink Candle which symbolises Love. 'Love' is like a candle shining in a dark place and we celebrate the love we have in Jesus.

School Family Mass – 9.12.18

Thank you to all who came along to represent us and to share in our Advent School Family Mass. It was lovely to see so many people could join us for the service and then across at school for the annual St. Mary's raffle. In total a fantastic amount of money was raised!! Mrs. Bisby shared this message with us

*"I thought it was a lovely Family Mass on Sunday morning. The children read and sang very well!
This was followed by another successful Christmas Raffle, which raised the grand total of £516. This will be split
between St Mary's School and a school in Kerala"*

We are incredibly grateful to St. Mary's Church for their very generous donation of £258.00!!

Surprise visit from a Teletubby!

On Tuesday the FOSM organised a surprise visit from a Teletubby!! He came to see classes one and two and had a little dance with them all!! Afterwards children enjoyed a drink and biscuit.

" I liked dancing Baby Shark with the Teletubby!" Harry Bass, Class 1

Carol Signing at Nursing Homes - 12.12.18

On Wednesday a choir from Classes 3 and 4 went along to spread some Christmas cheer in both Dovehaven Lodge and Lady Elsie Finney Nursing Homes. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the carols and Christmas songs, many singing along, and one resident got up and danced with us and joined us for a photograph!!



"I really enjoyed it when we went Carol singing. We went and sung lots of songs and one lady even gave me a kiss on the cheek because we made her so happy!!" Millie Yates, Class 3

"I really liked singing in the care homes. They loved our singing, we also got to enjoy a treat at the end" Lucia Wright, Class 4.



Parishes of St Andrew and Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December (St Andrew's) Children's Vigil Mass 5.30pm (St Andrew's) Midnight Mass 8.30pm (PLEASE NOTE TIME) Carols from 8.00pm Christmas Day,
Tuesday 25th December (St Mary's) 9.00am (St Andrew's) 10.30am
Boxing Day Wednesday 26th December - No morning Mass

Bethlehem is Buzzing – Class 1 and 2 Nativity

This week we held our Nativity and this was a wonderful way to help us prepare for Christmas. A huge thank you to you all for your support. All monies raised from the raffle and the ticket sales go back to Classes One and Two.

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 20th December at 2.45 pm!!**

Staff updates

We welcome Ms. Winder to our Welfare team and Welcome Mr. Riley as our Site Supervisor. We hope they will enjoy working as part of the St. Mary's family.

Dates For Your Diary

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| 17 th December 2018 | - | Film Night |
| 19 th December 2018 | - | Christmas Lunch |
| | - | Children may wear Christmas Jumpers today- No charge |
| 20 th December 2018 | - | School closes for Christmas |
| | - | Celebration Assembly at 9.10 am today! |
| | - | Holiday market from 2.45 pm |

Celebrations Award

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively
Class 1	Cody Smith	Elliott Williams
Class 2	Oliver Hooper	Jaiden Connell
Class 3	Mylo Sanderson	Cherry Davis
Class 4	Daniel Cornall	Molly Wight
	Welfare - Lunch Time Award	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
	Elliott Capper	Daniel Cornall

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!"

