



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Thursday 20th December 2018

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



Dear Parent/Carer,



Our last week together in school and we enter our Final week of Advent.

This week we lit our final Purple Candle which symbolises 'Joy'. 'We also lit the White Candle as we will not be together as a School family on Christmas Day.

On behalf of all the staff, children and Governors may we wish you all a wonderful family Christmas. We hope you have a wonderful day and look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year.

Canon Adrian shared this prayer with us;

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift
of your son Jesus, born for us at Christmas.
As we celebrate his birth, the Prince of Peace,
we pray that we may be blessed with peace in our homes, families
and in our world.*

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



Christmas Mass Times

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

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

Pantomime

We had a fantastic trip to the Pantomime as a whole school and thoroughly enjoyed the tale of Snow White. We would like to thank to Friends of St. Mary's FOSM for fully funding the cost of the coaches and making this whole school trip possible. I would also like to thank all the staff and volunteers who gave their time to ensure everyone could take part and had a safe and fun experience.

"I really enjoyed the Pantomime. It was very, very funny! I was really excited that I got to go on stage even if it was a bit embarrassing holding a shark for the Baby Shark Dance!!" Amy Gilder, Class 4

Christmas Disco

Thank you to all the FOSM volunteers and staff for organising the Christmas Disco. Everyone enjoyed the dancing, face painting, nails and even took a goody bag home!

An enormous thank you to staff and volunteers who helped make this another great success. It was wonderful to see some new faces helping out, Mums, Dads and Grandparents. Without you all we just couldn't do it. We managed to raise £250. Fantastic! FOSM wish you all a Happy Christmas. Chris Abram

Celebrations Award

| | Achievement Award Winner | 'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively |
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| Class 1 | Macie Dixon | Bailey Keighley |
| Class 2 | Elliot Reid | Oliver Hooper |
| Class 3 | Megan Southworth | Oliver Hodson |
| Class 4 | Lily-May Purkis | Samuel Brown |
| | Welfare – Lunch Time Award | |
| | Key Stage One | Key Stage Two |
| | Isla Kilshaw | Hannah Griffiths |

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!"

