



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 29th November 2019



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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mrs Charnley's Message

I was so delighted to finally share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. To have recognised what we already know about our school fills me with such pride in the children, staff and governors. Our Chair of Governors was right in recognising 'This is a fabulous outcome for our school, and a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of all the staff at St Mary's. It is also worth noting that with changes in the OFSTED criteria, a school has to achieve a great deal more to obtain the same outcome as a few years ago, so I am especially pleased and proud of the work that has gone in to achieving the GOOD rating.' I would like to thank the staff who consistently go the extra mile here at St Mary's to ensure that your children receive the very best.

Today we see the children in Class 4 return from their residential. I hear they have had a fantastic time with lots of good stories of adventure to share.

I hope to see you all on Monday for our Advent service, what a great way to start our Advent journey remembering that there is more to Christmas than present buying. Have a lovely weekend, my favourite weather to go out for a good walk together as a family.

Parking and Safety

Thank you for continuing to support us as we try to ensure the safety of all our pupils. Please don't use the school driveway to turn around. It is important that families park in the Smiths Arms car park at both morning drop off and home time, in order to maintain the safety of all of our children, please use the car park responsibly by parking inside the lines and being courteous to other users.

Christingle – Sunday 1st December at 9.00 a.m. Mass

To mark the start of Advent the children will make a Christingle in Children's Liturgy. A Christingle is a decorated orange to represent God's world. When we have decorated our Christingles we will then show them to everyone in church. We would love you to join us at the 9.00 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

After School Club Activities for December

Listed below are some of the exciting activities planned for After School Club in the run up to Christmas. If you wish to book your child in on any of these days, please ring the office.

<u>Week Commencing</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
2/12/19	Computer & iPad games	Christmas Crafts	Making Christmas Stars	Making Christmas decorations	Making Christmas cards
9/12/19	Making Christmas decorations	Computer & iPad games	Making Christmas biscuits	Making Christmas Tree decorations	Making Christmas gift tags
16/12/19	Film Night	Party games	Party games		

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 cake and lots of bottles and chocolates!!

The funds raised will be donated to our school and to St Savio School in Kerala where Sister Litty taught.

Each family will 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. Any unwanted tickets can be returned to the School Office.

E.A.T learning!

EAT - At the end of this term we will be holding our termly draw for our EAT home learning. The box is available in the foyer for you to drop your EAT notes into. There are spare sheets available and these are also available as a download on your child's class page.

Advent Service, Christmas Light Switch on and Bingo - 2.12.19

On Monday 2nd 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.

“Prickly Hay” – Class 1 and 2 Nativity

Our Key Stage 1 Nativity “Prickly Hay” takes place on Tuesday 10th December. Tickets are priced at £1.00 for adults and 50p for children. Please send any money into school in an envelope with your request for tickets (2.00 p.m. / 6.00 p.m.) For health and Safety reasons tickets are sold on a first come first served basis so please put your request in early to avoid disappointment.

Request from Miss Berry

As part of our ‘Toys’ topic, Class 1 are learning to sort old and new toys. Please let me know if you have any older toys. We would be especially excited to see some metal toys. Thank you.

Poor Weather

As the Weather begins to change could we ask that all children have a suitable coat and/ or waterproof in school for breaks and lunchtime. Occasionally PE lessons will take place outside and children will need a spare jumper and, in line with our uniform policy, may wear Navy jogging bottoms. Thank you for your co-operation.

Big School Adventures – Thursdays @ 1.15 p.m.



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. It has had a very positive impact on the pupils who have joined reception class enabling a very smooth transition into school. Please ask if you need any further information.

Dates to remember

Monday 2nd December 4.15 p.m. Advent Service–Christmas Tree Lights switch on & Bingo

Wednesday 4th December - CAFOD Advent Service, St Anthony’s Church at 6.00 p.m.

Monday 9th December – Pantomime

Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Monday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th December – School closes at 3.15 p.m.

Every Friday 2.45 p.m. Celebration Assembly -everyone welcome

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively
Class 1	Maisie Lawson	Deondre Thompson
Class 2	Felicity Pye	Freya Stevens
Class 3	Joseph Green-Banks	Summer-Leigh Whitlock
Class 4	Megan Southworth	Isobel Foy
	Welfare - Lunch Time Award	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
	Eden Heslop	Tyler Mawdesley

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!"

