



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 11th December 2020



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

Dear Parent/Carer,



As we move towards our third week of Advent we light our third candle, the pink Candle which symbolises "Joy". We look forward to the Joy that Christmas will bring.

This week Class 4 share with us a prayer they have written

*Lord, Please send love to the ones in need this Advent, help us to
love the unloved. Show us how to be ready to offer kindness and
support to those who need it.*

*This Advent, a time of hope, let us be hopeful for the future. A time
when the ills of other's are cured and worries are no more.
A hopeful future, where we have responded to the call of
Pope Francis in 'Laudato Si' and our earthly home is restored.*

*This Advent inspire us to bring joy to others. Through the message
of Pope Francis' letter 'Fratelli Tutti', we recognise that joy is to be
found in helping others.*

*Advent is a time of peace, a time where everyone comes together
waiting for Christmas day. A season for anticipating the long
awaited harmony across the world. A time to remember and reflect
on why you were sent to us. In these unprecedented times help our
school and Parish communities find stillness and peace.*

*Christ, you were sent to save us. You came to earth as a tiny baby;
you grew up and lived as one of us. You know what it is like to be a
human, to know pain and to know love. Guide and supports us this
Advent to follow in your footsteps this Advent and live our lives as you
taught us to do.*

Amen

School Closure – Change of date

As per messages please note that the last day of school will be Thursday 17th December. Friday the 18th December will be an INSET Day. This is in line with the Government's advice to enable schools to engage with Contact Tracing over the Christmas holidays.

Reporting Positive Coronavirus cases over the Christmas Holidays

**** IMPORTANT ****

Your child will have brought home a very important letter regarding the requirements for families to report positive cases in the Christmas break. Please read this letter carefully as it contains essential information. A copy can also be found on the website on our Homepage at <https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk>

Virtual Christmas Raffle

Last chance to buy your Virtual Raffle tickets will be on Monday 14th December and the Raffle will be drawn on **Tuesday 15th December** to enable prizes to be collected.

Christmas Activities – Monies needed by Monday

As we approach our super busy and exciting last week of the term we have many activities planned and need to ask all families to send monies in;

Christmas Jumper day	£1.00
Christmas Pantomime (Drink and snack provided)	£1.00
Christmas Disco parties (Drink and snack provided)	£1.00

Please send in all monies in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class outlining what the monies are for.

All payments need to be received by Monday 14th of December- Thank you!

Safety Information – Tier 3

As you will be aware after the period of National Restrictions we will enter a Tier System Preston will enter Tier 3. The infection rates remain high and we MUST continue to work hard as a school community to keep each other safe. The safety and wellbeing of the pupils, staff and families continues to be my top priority.

Please read the guidance below so we can continue to work in partnership. It is only by adhering to guidance and following rules that we will halt the spread of the virus and continue to be able to keep school open. We all have to work together to make this possible.

Please continue to maintain Social Distance and refrain from gathering at drop off and collection times.

<https://www.preston.gov.uk/article/2915/FAQ-on-local-restrictions-what-you-can-and-can-t-do-in-Preston>

FOSM – Guess the name of the Snowman

Thank you for contributing to our Guess the Snowman...We raised £15.00. The Winning name was "Tumble". The Lucky winner was Leah Whitehead, Class 3

Admissions September 2020

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2021? Or do you know someone who has? The application for school places is now open and can be found on the Lancashire County Council Website

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-schoolplace>

Choosing the right school for your child is of great importance and we understand the value of finding the right environment for your child. As you would expect, safety is of paramount importance to us and to this end we are not able to hold our traditional 'Open Evening'.

Why not check out or share our Virtual Tour on the school Homepage.

<https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk>

Diary Dates:

14, 15, 16.12.20 – Bikeability Sessions Class 4 ** You will have already been informed which group your child is in. Helmets MUST be worn!

14.12.20 – Class 1 – Disco Party – Class 1 ONLY wear Party clothes £1.00

15.12.20- Class 2 – Disco Party – Class 2 ONLY Wear Party clothes £1.00

16.12.20 – Class 3 – Disco Party - Class 3 ONLY Wear Party clothes £1.00

17.12.20 - WHOLE school Christmas Jumper Day £1.00

- WHOLE school Pantomime £1.00

- Christmas Dinner (pre booked only)

- '*Socially distanced*' wave from a special visitor

- Class 4 ONLY wear Party Clothes -Disco Party £1.00

****** The Discos are funded by FOSM and include a drink and treat so we ask for a £1.00 contribution to help towards these costs ******

17.12.20 – School closes

5.1.21 – School re opens

	<u>E.A.T Award</u> <u>Explore. Be Active and Think creatively</u>	<u>Achievement Award</u>
Class 1	Isla Pennington	Jack Moyes
Class 2	Harry Davies	Orlaith Knott
Class 3	James Picking	Freya Stevens
Class 4	Olivia Halliday	Joseph Green-Banks

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!”

