



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 10th December 2021

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are all certainly feeling 'Christmassy' as we have performed our Nativity this week with Key Stage two as our very first audience. We are busy with Christmas crafts, Christmas stories and looking forward to our final week in school which will be FUNTASTIC!!



Within our assembly today we lit the 3rd Advent Candle – this is our pink candle and this symbolises Joy.

Class 2 have written this special prayer for us.....

Dear Lord,

Help us to be thoughtful and kind to others just as you were, as we await your happy arrival once again,

Amen.

As we continue to find ourselves affected by Covid -19 and with the current rise in cases of the Omicron Variant, we will continue to liaise with you, our families reviewing all guidance and risk assessments so we can ensure we keep everyone safe.

At present the main factors of the government's Plan B that are particularly relevant to school are the use of face coverings. As a staff we wear these when in communal areas and whilst on the yard given the increased number of people in close proximity. I would strongly encourage you to do so too so we can keep each other safe.

We would ask you not to come into school unless essential. Please send in slips/monies etc. in labelled envelopes and if you do need to enter our entrance foyer, a Face covering must be worn.

May I reassure that in school we continue to follow strict risk assessments – highlighting key items such as ventilation, regular additional cleaning and fogging and regular testing of all staff. In addition all visitors accompanying us on our Pantomime will also engage in Lateral Flow Testing.

Our Nativity – Gabriel's Big Break – 7.12.21 and 8.12.21

This week class one and two performed their Nativity for us and what fantastic show it was!! It was a pleasure to be able to share the Nativity with our families despite these challenging times and, as I said at the show, I am so grateful of the support and cooperation of everyone which enabled the show to go ahead!!





Pantomime – Monday 13.12.21

Next week we are excited to be heading to the Pantomime to watch Sleeping Beauty.

Our School Base contact will be available on 01772 729881.

The Lowther Pavillion, Lytham, can be reached on 01253 794221.

Please note pupils will be having an earlier dinner and will **return at the later time of 3.45 pm.**

Pupils will return to classes and be brought out at home-time as it is likely to be dark ...which it was after the Nativity!

Could I ask that you as families 'line up' in the place your child's class would be so staff can come to the right point to quickly and safely hand pupils over – Thank you !!

Update to Coronavirus advice

In light of advice regarding the Omicron Variant, we ask that all visitors to reception wear a face covering.

We also strongly encourage wearing a face covering whilst on our yard due to the number of people around at pick-up and drop-off times.

Many thanks for your continued understanding.

Christmas Cards – Elf delivery - 13.12.12

If you would like to share Christmas Cards we would ask for these to be on Monday 13th December. All cards can be posted in the box and our Elves will deliver them out in our final week.

Christmas activities

Guess the name of the Teddy..... 50p

Next week we have lots of opportunities to guess the names of...We have reindeers, Penguins, Father Christmas...so bring your spending money along.

In addition we have a beautiful Christmas cake handmade by Maxwell Houlding's Grandma, She has kindly donated this and to win all you need to do is guess the number of sultanas in the cake!! Maxwell and a Class 4 Buddy will be coming around to collect all guesses for just 50p

All monies raised will go straight into school funds to support ALL pupils!! Thank you as ever for your ongoing support.

FOSM

22.11.21 – FOSM virtual Christmas Raffle – Tickets on sale until 15.12.21. The raffle will be drawn at 12 noon.

w/c 13.12.21 - 17.12.21 – The Funtastic Five Days of Christmas!!

You could either choose to select only the items you wish to join in with or pay £15 for a Funtastic Five Days of Christmas pass and get a special souvenir stamp card!!

13.12.21 – Trip to the Pantomime – Lowther Pavillion to see Sleeping Beauty. £10 per pupil with the WHOLE cost of transport kindly funded by the FOSM

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16.12.21 – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

17.12.21 – Christmas Accessory Day. Uniform and either a Christmas hat or head band and hopefully, if his Reindeers are free, Father Christmas will visit

We have some FANTASTIC prizes including – An afternoon tea for two, Krav taster session, After School Club passes, a one hour house clean, giant craft box - just to name just a few!!!!

Remember you have to be in it to win it.

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures has ended for Christmas and will resume 6.1.22

Uniform

As we approach the end of term a reminder that upon our return we will be in our Transition period. Pupils are welcome to wear the new uniform from this point as previously communicated.

Please do remember should you require any support or advice please just ask a staff member and/or return either of the slips we have issued. We are here to help and are already working with many families so do get in touch.

A price list from Uniform and Leisure wear, Kirkham is provided below. They also offer a delivery service to school and, as their special offer, are offering a free tie with two purchases. The new tartan items are the same price as the previous plain navy uniform and, as a gesture, they are offering an additional 10% discount

Should you wish to try on or purchase any new items, Mr. Kumar from Bang Bang will attend school again on Friday 17th December and will bring his mobile shop from 2.45 - 3.45.

We will make this a regular event so you are able to shop easily and/or make payment plans.

Our Swap Shop is already building which offers heavily discounted items!



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LEA TOWN 2022



Uniform & Leisurewear Company -
Poulton Street,
Kirkham

Rowlinsons P50 V-Neck Jumpers Royal - Embroidered 24 - 30	£17.50
Rowlinsons P50 V-Neck Jumpers Royal - Embroidered 32 Plus	£19.50

Rowlinsons P50 Cardigans Royal - Embroidered 24 - 30	£18.50
Rowlinsons P50 Cardigans Royal - Embroidered - 32 Plus	£20.50
Rowlinsons School Elastic Tie Royal/Yellow	£5.50
Winterbottoms Royal Tartan Kilt 3/4 - 13	£14.99
Winterbottoms Royal Tartan Pinafore 3/4 - 13	£19.50
Rowlinsons Navy Hoodie - Embroidered 3/4 - 13	£13.50
Rowlinsons Navy Hoodie - Embroidered Small Plus	£15.50
Rowlinsons Navy Joggers- Embroidered 3/4 - 13	£11.50
Rowlinsons Navy Joggers- Embroidered Small Plus	£13.50
3TC White T-Shirt - Embroidered - 3/4 - 11/13	£6.50
3TC White T-Shirt - Embroidered - Small +	£7.50
Result Reversible Waterproof Jacket - Embroidered - 3/4 - 13/14	£21.99
Expandable Bookbag - Embroidered	£7.50
Junior Backpack - Embroidered	£11.50

Parents will receive a free tie when they buy two of the main school items together.

Free delivery to school, is also available through our website.

In store only , we will be offering 10% all tartan items.

Please Note We Also Stock a Range of Boys & Girl's Trousers, In An Array of Colours; Pumps, Shorts & Socks. We Are Also Members Of The Schoolwear Association Offering Only Quality & Ethically Produced Garments At An Affordable Price

Dates for your diary:

w/c 13.12.21 - 17.12.21 -

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Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Keon Bruney	Maisie Wilson	Roisin Moss
Class 2	Isabella Bolton-Rigby	Harry Shaw	Louisa Nelson
Class 3	Freya Stevens	Felicity Page	Macie Dixon
Class 4	Mikey Skeffington	Finnley Foxall-Holmes	Mylo Sanderson

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!”



Frequently Asked Questions

My child has Coronavirus symptoms what should I do?

Telephone the School Office to advise your child will not be attending as they are symptomatic and book a PCR test at a test centre. Once this result is returned share this with school via email. If the test is negative and the pupil remains well they may return to school.

If my Child demonstrated Coronavirus symptoms in school what will happen?

You will be contacted and advised you need to collect your child and book a PCR test. Your child will remain at home until they are fit and well and able to share their Negative result.

We do not have to isolate anymore do we?

Bubbles at school are removed and as such, if your child has been in contact with a positive person at school, the whole Bubble will no longer be required to isolate for 10 days. All 'Close Contacts' will be required to take a PCR test and, if this is negative, they may return to school.

NHS Track and Trace will work with families to identify 'Close Contacts'. I would strongly encourage you to liaise with school so we can support you with this and reduce the spread. As you will appreciate staff will be best placed to identify pupils who have sat together, played together etc. etc.

At present, as we are working with Public Health England myself or Mr. Taylor will call families of Direct Contacts to inform them they need to seek a PCR.

I have a box of Lateral Flow kits at home can I just use this?

No, you would have to have a PCR result

Someone in my household is positive. Can my child attend school?

We would require the pupil to seek a PCR test and share this result with school via email. If the pupil is negative please remember that this is a negative result at the point of the test and your child could still develop Coronavirus within the Isolation period. We would strongly encourage a daily Lateral Flow Test and ask families to reflect upon the risks to other pupils and staff within school. We want to work in partnership to ensure we keep each other safe and are grateful for your support.