



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 17th 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 have reached the end of our FUNTASTIC and very busy last week in school and wow what a week we have had!!!

We had a brilliant WHOLE school trip to the Panto, Discos, colouring competitions, Christmas Dinner and even a Special visitor!!!

May I take this opportunity once more to thank all our fabulous pupils, staff, Governors and families for all you do for St. Mary's School. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and I hope you get to share some special time with your families.



Within our assembly today we lit the 4th and final Advent Candle. The fourth candle is purple and this time symbolises Peace. As we will not be together as a School Family we lit our White Candle too!

Class 1 have written this special prayer for us.....

Jesus brings us all Peace, Amen .Class 1.

Canon Adrian shares this special prayer with you all this Christmas time;



Heavenly Father,

As we thank you at the end of this school term, we pray you will keep us safe as we celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus your Son and our Saviour, your greatest gift to us. We make our prayer through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Coronavirus and Omicron variant updates.

Sadly we still find ourselves in changing and uncertain times. 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.

We are all very aware of the updates and increasing cases and should we receive any additional information over the holiday period we will share this via text message in the first instance.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to wear a Face covering when at school ?

We **strongly encourage** you to continue to support us by wearing face coverings at drop off and collection time. As we can become quite close on the narrow paths ways and when gathering on the yard is a one additional way in which we can keep each other safe and prevent the spread thus keeping school open!

If you need to enter school for any reason you MUST WEAR a face covering unless you have a medical exemption. We ask that families do not enter school unless they absolutely have to.

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 your child develops symptoms within the school Christmas holidays and returns a Positive result please send us the NHS notification and we will confirm the date your child can return.

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.

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

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 insist upon 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.

My child has been informed that they are a close contact what should they do ?

If you are FULLY vaccinated or under 18 years and 6 months you are not required to isolate since the 14th of December and instead you would test as follows;

- Take a LFT test every day until 10 days since you had the contact with the positive person. This result would have to be shared with school BEFORE the pupil attends school so could be emailed each morning.
- Pupils will NOT be permitted to attend without this result each day
- If any of the LFT results show as positive the child would not be able to attend school and would be required to seek a PCR test..

Should I test my child before returning to school after the Christmas Holidays ?

We would encourage you to consider completing a LFT with your child prior to returning to school. Most of us will mix with additional friends and families over the festive period. As not everyone who has Covid- 19 demonstrates symptoms this is one additional way in which we can keep each other safe and keep school open!

Staff members continue to test twice weekly and will do so over the holiday period also. LFT devices can be ordered online and can be collected through your local pharmacy.

Further information can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

You child will also have brought a letter home from Dr. Karunanithi, Director of Health and this can also be found on our website

Christmas activities – Winners

Guess the name of the Penguin..... WinnerAgatha Holmes

Guess the Number of Sultanas in the Cake ...Winner Jensen Swann

Colouring competition winners

Class 1: Roisin Moss

Class 2: Jessica Simpson

Class 3: Ella Mullarkey

Class 4: Jonah Hurtault

FOSM

22.11.21 – FOSM virtual Christmas Raffle – Thank you for your wonderful support buying tickets for our Virtual Raffle!!

A special thank you for all our generous donators for their wonderful prizes. All prizes have been allocated!!

West Coast Martial Arts -

- *Two Martial Arts Coaching for a month*
- *Two pairs boxing gloves*
- *Two key rings*

Morrisons Kirkham -

- *Afternoon tea for two*

Vicky Jackson -

- *One hour house clean*

Hobbycraft-

- *Giant box of crafts*

*Boulder UK -
Two passes*

*Winter gardens -
o TBC*

*Sparkle Dance -
o 3 classes a week for a month*

*The works -
o Harry Potter crochet set
o Essential oils set
o Charades game
o Scratch off Graffiti art set*

*Krispy Kreme
o Dozen mixed donuts*

*Short Cuts Kirkham
o Men's hair cut*

*Hand and Dagger
o £25 voucher*

*Beckie
o Personalised Glass*

*Ancient Oak pub
o Meal voucher £10*

*Odeon
o Tickets*

*BangBang
o £30 uniform voucher*

*Kelly
o Hot Stone Massage*

*Lathams
o Afternoon tea selection voucher*

*Wacky World
o Tickets*

*St Mary's After School Club
o 3 After school club passes*

The Salon At Maxey House – Mrs. Hinds

Wooden Christmas Sign – Mrs. Whitehead

Wooden carved sleigh and reindeer – Wayne

2 x boxes of crackers – Marks and Spencer

St. Mary's Church Raffle

A HUGE thank you to ALL the families and Parishioners who supported the St. Mary's Church raffle . We raised an AMAZING £537.49 and kindly St. Mary's Church have donated ALL profits to school. This amazing amount of money will go towards buying new reading books and we are so, so grateful for this support!! Thank you once more for your generosity and support.

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures has ended for Christmas and will resume 6.1.22

Uniform

Now that we have reached 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 previous 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 Top ones uniform is provided below.

Bang Bang's mobile shop will return the 1st Friday back from 2.45 pm.

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!



**39 St John's Shopping Centre | Preston | PR1 1FB |
TEL: (01772) 828 616**



NEW UNIFORM

**WE ARE NOW FULLY STOCKED WITH LEA ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW
UNIFORM. No need to order please come in and try on.**

Knitted Jumpers from £14.99

Cardigans from £15.99

Check pleated skirts from £8.99

Check Pinafore from £10.99

Adjustable pull up trousers for boys from
£6.99

PE HOODIES ALL sizes - £13.99

PE TOPS from £7.99

PE SHORTS ALL SIZES - £3.99

TIES - £2.99

**0% INTEREST FREE
INSTALLMENT PLAN**

Dates for your diary:

4.1.22 – INSET DAY school is closed

5.1.22 – School Re opens at 08.55 am

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Sandra Stec	William Barton	Klara Niezgoda
Class 2	Maisie Lawson	Leos Koustokostas	Isaac Aya
Class 3	Cody Smith	Elliott Capper	Tommy Holland-Bass
Class 4	Dane Lewis	Leah Whitehead	Chloe Gildea

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!"

