



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 18th November 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school we celebrated Anti Bullying week beginning with wearing odd socks to celebrate we are all unique and different - this is to be celebrated, as this makes us who we are! We also launched our Travelling Nativity which over the next few weeks will visit EVERY family in school.

Travelling Nativity

“She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7

This week we launched the “Travelling Nativity”.....As there was no room at the Inn for Mary and Joseph, Baby Jesus was born in the stable. We ask each family to provide a room for one night for Mary and Joseph. Each set contains a full mini Nativity, book, prayer book, candle and Rosary beads. We hope you enjoy sharing this with all the family.



*“ I liked sharing this with my family” Roisin Moss
“ I liked lighting a candle” Freddie Reid*

Christmas Light Switch on followed by Christmas Fayre 1.12.22



It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

It is getting very close to the Christmas light switch on and FOSM Christmas Fayre

The plan.....

On the evening pupils will finish school at the usual time of 3.15 pm and be handed over to families.

Staff will then make their way over to the tree and we really hope families and pupils will join us to count down to the lights switch on and sing Carols and a few Christmas classics around the tree.

Thank you to the Parish Council for providing the Christmas tree, mince pies and mulled wine to be enjoyed by all.

After the switch on we invite EVERYONE back to school for an AMAZING Christmas Fayre.

We have Santa's Grotto (pre bookable), a variety of stalls - baubles, personalised items, Christmas wreaths, wax melts, tombola, toy and books stalls, cakes, and lots of games- such as hook a prize, guess the Teddy's names and even the chance to make your own reindeer food, a Raffle with come fabulous prizes...plus many more stalls too...delicious treats in the kitchen including luxury hot chocolate, warm sausage rolls and drinks.

Thank you once more to all who have helped us plan and will be helping both before and during the event- WE REALLY COULDN'T MAKE IT WORK WITHOUT YOU!!

The Fayre begins at approx. 4.00 pm and last entry to the Fayre is 5.30pm.



***** Own clothes day next Wednesday 23.12.22 and bring a chocolate item for the chocolate tombola *****

'Stay and Play' Key Stage 1 – Save the date - 12th December 2022

Classes 1 and 2 would like to invite you to 'Stay and Play' on Monday 12th December from 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

This will provide an opportunity for you to explore the classroom and make some Christmas crafts with the pupils.

Coming soon – After School Club Merry Mondays....Watch this space

Booking forms and information on some fun activity nights in After School club will follow next week so look out for these special forms.



Santa Dash!!! 14th December 2022

We are SOOOOOOOOOO excited that we are hosting our very own SANTA DASH. All forms have been issued and a big thank you, in advance for all monies you raise!

We ask for a minimum sponsorship of £2.00 per pupil. ALL pupils will receive a Santa hat and a medal! Every penny we raise will go towards school funds. Thank you for helping us raise lots of money!

You can expect Christmas music and a few surprises along the way!!!!

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you for the responses to the Parental questionnaire. It is lovely to receive your comments and look to work in partnership going forward.

99% of families agree, with 79% strongly agreeing that their child is happy at school

100% of parents agree, with 77% strongly agreeing that staff care for and support all pupils

100% of families would recommend St. Mary's to another family

93% states the Catholic Values are of great importance and influence all areas of school life

What do you like/ what is special about St. Mary's.....

"A lovely Family atmosphere in which individuals are recognised"

"The school promotes Catholic Values"

"One big family"

"Well run, great activities - children feel special"

"Welcoming learning environment"

"The school encourages good behaviour"

"The school supports the needs of the pupils"

What you would like to see more of/ what you would like

Pupils to come in in PE kits and wear all day

We would choose not to do this at present as pupils change for hygiene purposes. In addition some PE slots are offered on rotation as enrichments such as archery and this would mean the day would be changeable

More ICT/Pad Homework. More Homework/ harder homework

Homework is always a tricky one...a little like marmite as they say some love it some hate it - some want more others less. We do try to be mindful that not all pupils have access to I pads/ Apps etc.

We shall reflect upon this within our staff meeting and look at what we can offer for you.

Music Lessons

Mr. C as Music Co-ordinator has been looking into this and trying to source links and services that are high quality, cost effective/ manageable for families that can meet the needs of all pupils. It is absolutely our goal to re-introduce music lessons in the very near future...please watch this space.

More School Teams

Again we are already looking into how we can enhance participation in extracurricular events and are looking into developing the range of clubs we have on offer. Mrs. Ellis is taking the lead on PE and is already building links and additional opportunities so please bear with us!

More See -Saw Pictures

Again I shall share this with staff. I fully understand that families enjoy seeing pictures of pupils learning but we do aim to send 2/3 per week typically. As I am sure you will agree the focus of the staff when it lessons is upon the children and supporting their learning. It may be that families would like our Wonderful Work Books to return please do let us know if you would enjoy seeing these again.

Archery Sessions

Calling all budding Robin Hood's and sharp shooters... The time has come to step up to the mark and take your aim at the bullseye!

The aim of the sessions is to develop our enrichment opportunities within school, add some more memories to our Learning Passports and to develop personal skills such as perseverance, teamwork and resilience.

On the day of your child's archery session, please send them into school in their Forest School attire, with either their wellington boots or walking boots in a bag so they can change into them for the session, as all sessions will be held outside.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to me!
Mr C #aimtrue #bullseye

21/11/22- Class 1 28/11/22- Class 2 05/12/22- Session to be confirmed.

Anti Bullying Week - w/c/ 14.11.22

What an AMAZING week we have had this week during Anti-Bullying Week! We started off with Odd Socks Day on Monday, followed by a series of learning, discussions, activities, drama and writing throughout the rest of the week in our classes, to help better understand what bullying is, what it looks like and why we certainly **DO NOT** want it here at St Mary's!

For the finale of this special week, each class has created their own class Friendship paperchain, with all of the pieces of the chain being joined together in Celebration Assembly, to show we are one big school family, living our lives as Jesus taught us- look out for the pictures on Seesaw to see how long we managed to make the paperchain!

If you are ever worried about something in school, please speak to a member of staff who will always be happy to help you!

#teamstmarys

Mr C

Celebration Assembly – CHANGE OF TIME

As per text message to give advance notice, Celebration Assembly will be at a new time 2.45 -3.15 pm. This is to enable us to stream and prioritise Phonics and Spellings sessions. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish news....St. Mary's Catholic Church

Christmas Raffle

Please return any unwanted tickets and monies to school and these will be passed on. All must be returned to school by **5.12.22**

We are very grateful to hear that St. Mary's Parish have kindly decided to split the monies they raise. Half will go to support the Pakistan Floods Appeal and the remaining half will be gifted to St. Mary's School!

Holiday Dates – Amendment

Please note the holiday list has been amended to include the additional Bank Holiday to Commemorate King Charles the III. These can be found on our website.

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 23 rd November -	Own clothes day
Thursday 1 st December -	Christmas Tree Lights Switch On / Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 6 th December -	Lowther Pavilion - Cinderella
Thursday 8 th December -	Key Stage 1 – Nativity 10.00 a.m. & 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 13 th December -	Santa Dash
Wednesday 14 th December -	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 th December -	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 4 th January 23 -	School Re-opens

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Freddie Phoenix	Ava Capper	Charlie Harrison
Class 2	Bailey Jenkin	Max Tidmarsh	Isabella Bolton-Rigby
Class 3	Thomas Yates	Jake Skeffington	Annie Nelson
Class 4	Oliver Hooper	Rowan Hawkins	James Picking

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!”

