



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

We end another busy week in school and on Sunday we enter the special period of Advent. The word Advent means 'Coming' and this is a time in which we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

In the hustle and bustle of Christmas we take time to reflect upon the journey Mary and Joseph made right through to that special night when Jesus was born in the stable.

One way we have all been preparing is through our 'Travelling Nativity'. We hope you are enjoying sharing this as a family. I have read some wonderful prayers already. EVERY family in school will receive our Travelling Nativity throughout this period.

### **Advent**

Each Friday in our Celebration Assembly we will light a Candle on our Advent Wreath and talk a little about why this wreath is special.

*Why is it a circle?  
Why is it made of evergreen?  
What colours are our candles?  
Which order do we light our candles in?  
What does each candle symbolise?*

Today we lit our first purple candle and this candle symbolises '**HOPE**' - Hope for what is to come - Jesus, our Saviour.



*We are encouraged to think and reflect....  
What are your hopes and prayers for Christmas?  
Perhaps you hope to have a lovely family day,  
perhaps you hope/ wish for healing for someone you love...  
We can offer all our prayers and think about them every time we light our Advent wreath.*



## **Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Fayre 1.12.22**

We are very excited that next week we have our Christmas Light Switch On and Christmas Fayre.

**Christmas Light Switch On.....** A reminder Pupils will come out of school at the normal time of 3.15pm and be handed over to families. Staff will make their way over to the Christmas Tree in the Church grounds and you are ALL warmly welcome to join us for a few carols and songs around the tree before we count down to the switch on. We then invite EVERYONE back to school for the Christmas Fayre.

**Christmas Fayre.....**Our Christmas Fayre promises to be a really exciting event and everyone - pupils, families, parishioners, community are all welcome. We have delicious food, treats, stalls, crafts, tombola and so many fantastic stalls!!

Raffle - Tickets will be available at the Fayre and we have some AMAZING prizes such as family passes for Ribby Hall, Gym Memberships, Hair vouchers etc.

Silent Auction - We will also have some amazing prizes you can bid on...Simply choose an amount, add your name and contact number and the highest bid wins!!!!

Every penny we raise goes back into the Friends of St Mary's account which will benefit EVERY child in school. FOSM welcome everyone and the fundraising helps in many ways such as covering half of the entire cost of transport to the Pantomime, Life Education, books etc. The FOSM are hoping to fundraise for an Outdoor classroom which would enable every pupil to learn outdoors- enhancing our Forest School and providing exciting opportunities within all lessons to take lessons and learning outdoors.

Father Christmas and the Elves have emailed me to say they are very excited to come and meet our lovely St Mary's pupils and friends once more....however...They asked me to let you know that as they have soooo many friends to meet they will work through them as quickly as possible and please bear with us...If we are busy in the grotto maybe have a browse and pop back...We will make sure that everyone gets their chance to meet Father Christmas.

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.

## **Extra Curricular Clubs**

A reminder as per text message there will be no Gymnastics for the Key Stage 1 children on the 1<sup>st</sup> December due to the Christmas Light Switch On and Christmas Fayre

All clubs will finish on the 7<sup>th</sup> December and new forms for the clubs beginning in January will be issued next week.

## **'Stay and Play' Key Stage 1 – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Classes 1 and 2 would like to invite you to 'Stay and Play' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **After School Club – 'Merry Monday's'**

All pupils have been issued with forms for 'Merry Mondays' ....Please return these booking forms if you wish to attend.



## **Santa Dash!!! 14<sup>th</sup> 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!!!!

## **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!

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## **Dates for your Diary:**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	-	Christmas Tree Lights Switch On / Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Lowther Pavilion - Cinderella
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Key Stage 1 – Nativity 10.00 a.m. & 4.00 p.m.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Stay & Play – Key Stage 1 'Mary' Monday <i>All classes will visit Church for prayer in the afternoon!</i> Christmas Jumper Day ( <i>no charge</i> )
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Santa Dash – a.m. Special visitor – p.m.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Lunch Key Stage 1 Party – <i>Party clothes</i>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Key Stage 2 Party – <i>Party clothes</i> Last Day of Term
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 23	-	School Re-opens

## **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Matilda Tidmarsh	Pippa Doherty	Amelia Patel
Class 2	Meredith Holmes	Roisin Moss	William McMillan
Class 3	Isla Pennington	Annie Nelson	Leos Koutsokostas
Class 4	Teddy Abram-Jebb	Penny Robinson	Chloe Moore

*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!"*



