



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

A fantastic week in school in which we progress through Advent and enter December, a very special and exciting month for so many reasons.

This Thursday we celebrated the Christmas Light Switch on and sang Carols around the tree as we prepared to count down. This was a wonderful event. A little bit of traditional 'Christmas Magic' and we thank the Parish Council once more for enabling this and for providing the treat of mince pies and mulled wine that were enjoyed.

After our Switch On we headed across to our School Hall for the Amazing Christmas Fayre and what an event this was!! It was wonderful to see so many people attended and help us get in the Christmas spirit. It was brilliant to see members of our local community and new faces join us too.

I have had some lovely comments from members of the village, families and staff alike!!

*"What a way to start Christmas" "The variety of stalls was amazing and the Grotto was so good!"  
"What a fantastic turn out" "Father Christmas was brilliant" "I really, really enjoyed it!"*

I must thank all members of the FOSM for the many hours of hard work and planning before and during the event. Staff, Grandparents, Mums, Dads, Aunts and Uncles....Everyone is welcome to be a part of the FOSM and without the great number of supporters we had we would not have been able to make this brilliant event happen.

Ultimately we all have one shared goal – To raise as much money as possible to benefit EVERY pupil in our school! Thank you to everyone!

Pupils in Class 4 represented us in a Catholic School Cluster Advent Service at St. Anthony's Church on Wednesday 29.12.22.

*"The songs were peaceful and relaxing. It was a lovely way to start December. It was nice to see all the other schools and parents and represent St. Mary's"* Olivia Leigh, Class 4

## **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.

Today we lit our second purple candle and this candle symbolises 'PEACE' - We pray for Peace. Peace within our hearts so our troubles and worries may ease and Peace within the world. White is often associated as a symbol of Peace and we think about the white cloths that swaddled Jesus in the Manger.



*What Peace prayers would you like to offer?*

*We can offer all our prayers and think about them every time we light our Advent wreath.*

## **Pantomime – 6.12.22**

On Tuesday we will be off to see Cinderella at the Lowther Pavilion for our Annual WHOLE School Pantomime. We are very excited!! Please could we ask that all pupils are punctual as we will arrive, register, toilet and set off.

Pupils are permitted to bring a bottle of water (No juices or cordials) to sip within the interval and will be provided with a snack from school, a biscuit, with the consent of the theatre. No other drinks, monies, snacks or food items may be brought.

Pupils will have their lunches as normal upon our return. We cannot wait to tell you all about it.

## **Santa Dash!!! 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 ...Its nearly time !!!**



It is getting very close to our exciting SANTA DASH and we cannot wait to warm up (To Christmas Music of course) and get running...We shall don our Santa Hats and run and dance along. At the end you can expect a GIANT medal...they are impressive indeed!!

Please help us by collecting as many sponsors as you can before the day!!!

We ask for a minimum sponsorship of £2.00 per pupil. 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!!!!

## **'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.



**5.12.22** – Merry Monday will be biscuit making / Decorations

## **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:**

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| 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<br>'Mary' Monday <i>All classes will visit Church for prayer in the afternoon!</i><br>Christmas Jumper Day ( <i>no charge</i> ) |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | - | Santa Dash – a.m.<br>Special visitor – p.m.   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Christmas Lunch<br>Key Stage 1 Party – <i>Party clothes</i>   |

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 2 Party - *Party clothes*  
 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	Elijah Heslop	Florence Abram-Jebb	Pippa Doherty
Class 2	Max Tidmarsh	Jamie Bass	Klara Niezgoda
Class 3	Leos Koutsokostas	Cody Smith	Ella Jackson
Class 4	Alfie Shaw	Tymon Niezgoda	Finney Griffiths

*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!”

