



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 17th November 2023

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary ...
We shine and learn as a family of God'



Dear Parents/ Carers,

An action packed week yet again- with a power cut and a storm, yet, as ever the pupils did us proud and carried on as usual!

I hope you have been able to read and digest the Religious Inspection we sent home on Wednesday. A copy of this is also available on our website.

I am so proud of every member of the school family- Pupils, Staff, Families and Governors, as this is a true team effort and to have our school recognised as 'OUSTANDING' is truly special.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support!

St. Mary's Catholic Church – Planting of the Hedge and Coffee Morning – 12.11.23

Thank you from everyone at St. Mary's Church to all the children who came to Mass on Sunday and helped us to plant our new 'Bee – Line' hedge. You were super helpful and you expertly completed our tree trail. Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Anti Bullying Week

We launched this week with an 'Odd Socks Day' to remind us that we are all different and unique and this is something we should celebrate!!



At St. Mary's School we; Tell ,Tell ,Talk

Key Stage One Nativity – 5.12.23 10.00 am and 4.00 pm



Little Angel Gets Her Wings!

Pupils in Key Stage 1 are busily preparing for their Nativity "*Little Angel Gets Her Wings*". Letters have been issued with a ticket booking form. Tickets are £1.00 each with ALL monies raised going back to the classes.

Christmas Save the Dates Events !!

To help you plan and share ideas of any anticipated costs we share below details of up and coming events over the Christmas period.

Thank you for your generous donations of bottles for the Tombola at the Christmas Fayre !



1st December 2023 – Santa Dash – School Event

Monies raised go directly to school funds. This will be a sponsored event with a minimum sponsorship of £2 asked per pupil (this covers costs) ALL pupils choosing to take part will receive a Santa Hat and Medal!!!!

FORMS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED PLEASE COLECT YOUR SPONSORS AND RETURN THE FORM TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE!

1st December 2023 – FOSM - Christmas Light Switch on service followed by our AMAZING Christmas Fayre! £1 entry, Many stalls / Activities such as Santa's Grotto, Tombola, Raffle! And much, much more.

BOOKING FORMS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED FOR SANTA'S GROTTTO – PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE

7th December 2023 – FOSM Breakfast with Santa – 8.00 a.m. - £5 per child – includes breakfast and a chance to meet Santa!!! Every child will receive a mini chocolate treat too!

11th December 2023 – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk – Lowther Pavilion

LETTERS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED

A HUGE Thank you to Canon Adrian who has covered the other half of the Transport costs for the whole school!!! So with the FOSM and Canon Adrian the ENTIRE cost of transport is covered and so families only have the ticket price!! We are so grateful!!

19th December 2023 – Christmas Dinner Day (£2.45 for pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 unless eligible for free school meals)

Non Uniform Days –

23.11.23 – Bring a chocolate item for the Tombola wear your own clothes

18.12.23 – Christmas Party Day – wear own Party clothes – **NO CHARGE**

19.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day – **NO CHARGE**

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures is up and running with a focus as **Nature Detectives**- lots of scientific fun and outdoor exploring open to anyone aged 3 or over!

Sessions take place each THURSDAY from 1.15 – 3.00 pm

Places MUST be booked by calling 01772 729881

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish we have created a 'Helping Hands Fund' – This means we have a stock of tinned food/ non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th November - Class 2's Lancashire Fire Service Talk
Friday 15th December - Forest School – 'Christmas Campfire'

Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Bella Melling-Smith	Isabelle Baptiste	Amelia Patel
Class 2	Florrie Abram-Jebb	William McMillan	
Class 3	Dougie Pye	Freddie Reid	Joey Farley
Class 4	Rowan Hawkins	Noh Foxall-Holmes	

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!"



