



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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



Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a way to end a week with our fabulous Santa Dash, Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Fayre. Thank you to the Parish Council for their wonderful donation of chocolates which will be shared at the event!

A HUGE thank you to all our families and your extended families and friends who kindly sponsored pupils and helped us raise much needed funds for school. Once all monies are counted we will share our grand totals. As with all FOSM fundraising these monies are used to benefit our pupils.

The Santa Dash once more was amazing and I thank everyone for making this event so special. As you can see from the picture below it was an amazing morning and the perfect way to start December.

In our Celebration Assembly we lit the first of our Advent candles – A purple candle and the candle symbolises “ HOPE” – Hope for all that is to come , it represents the Prophecy that a New King and Saviour of the World would be born.



## **Santa Dash – 1.12. 23**

A huge thank you once more for your sponsorships and to all who made this event such a great success!!

It was a great morning of snowballs, giggles and fun as you can see below.....







## **Christmas Fayre – 1.12.23**

As I write, we are preparing for our amazing Christmas Fayre and I am certain this will be a great success. We hope to raise lots of money for the FOSM which in turn benefits ALL of our pupils. Monies raised go towards our short term projects such as funding part of our annual Panto trip, visits/ experiences for very class etc. and also towards our long term goal – An outside classroom!!

As soon as we are able to share the total raised we will!!

May I thank EVERYONE that helped- from donating prizes, wrapping selection boxes, shopping, decorating the Grotto, helping on the night – Without you we could not put on this special experience for families.

A HUGE amount of work goes in behind the scenes to make the events a great success, many meetings and hours of planning and, as well as raising money it is about celebrating St. Mary's Family atmosphere and making special memories for our wonderful children!

## **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 chocolate items for the Tombola at the Christmas Fayre !



**7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**\*\*\* Booking for this event has now closed! \*\*\***

## **11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk – Lowther Pavilion**

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!!

**19<sup>th</sup> 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 –**

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

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

## **Forest School**

A few important dates/ changes re Forest school as we approach the Christmas Period.

1.12.23 – NO Forest School for Class 2 due to the Santa Dash and Christmas Fayre

w/c 11.12.23 – NO Forest school for class 1 (11.12.23) or Class 4 (13.12.23) as the ENTIRE school will enjoy a CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE experience as we keep the fire going for the WHOLE DAY and everyone enjoys a delicious SMORE!!

## **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.

W/C 4<sup>th</sup> December - Last week of Extra Curricular Clubs  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Forest School – 'Christmas Campfire'

## **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Faith in Action Award</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner</b> <b>Explore, Active, Think</b> <b>creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Martha Robinson	Charlie Harrison	Ruairidh Houlding
Class 2	Sebastian Allen	William Barton	
Class 3	Thomas Yates	Isabella Bolton-Rigby	Annie Nelson
Class 4	Nicholas Bielas Barnes	Freya Stevens	

*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!"



