



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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### Our Parish Links

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another busy week in school with our wonderful Nativity performances of "*Little Angel Gets her Wings*", Santa's breakfast and lots of busy learning too!

In our Celebration Assembly we light the second of our Advent candles – A purple candle and the candle symbolises "PEACE" – Peace which enables us to trust God's promises and feel his love.



### **Little Angel Gets her Wings – 5.12.23**

On Tuesday we enjoyed two wonderful performances of the key stage one Nativity and what a show it was.

We had so many wonderful positive comments from families and it was lovely to see that every pupil had their chance to shine on the stage!!



*"I liked being a chicken . I had funny feet!" Ruairidh Holding*

*" I liked my costume. I liked singing On the Road To Bethlehem" Roman Wild*



*" I liked being a King because I had a beard and a crown" Sebby Allen , Class 2*

*"I liked being a Shepherd and I liked singing. My favourite was OnThe Road To Bethlehem"  
Klara Niezgodna, Class 2*

### **Catholic Shared Advent Service - 6.12.23**

On Wednesday two pupils in Class 4 accompanied Mr. Taylor and represented us at a shared Advent service at St. Anthony's Church. Each school was given a unique reading, we are very proud of our children for their contribution.

*"I feel that the service for all the feeder Primary schools was nice and kept us all engaged. I felt proud that we put our names forward and represented our school. It was a really nice service"*

Elliott Williams, Class 4

*"I was very proud of myself for taking part even though I felt nervous. We learnt about 'Mary's Meals' and how they help children in third world countries get school meals. Sometimes we take meals for granted and so I realise how lucky we are"* Annie Nelson

## **Breakfast with Santa - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

We had a wonderful time in Santa's Breakfast bright and early on Thursday enjoying - brioche, cereals, drinks and ALL pupils received a little treat from Santa.

After breakfast and dancing we enjoyed a story read by Santa and what a special start to the school day this was!!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event!

*" It was fabulous that so many people came and that we got a chocolate Lolly. I liked everything about it- It was just fabulous!"* Chloe Brogden Class 2

*" It was exciting and we had so much fun- I enjoyed the dancing and the brioche! I was shocked when Santa came !!"* Isla Pennington , Class 3



## **Christmas Fayre – 1.12.23**

Thank you for the fantastic feedback we have received about our wonderful Christmas Light Switch On and Christmas Fayre! Lots of money was raised which will benefit all the children in school and I look forward to sharing final totals with you soon.

## **Breakfast and After School Club- Safety Notice!**

Could I politely remind families not to use the school driveway and car park for drop off or pick-up. I appreciate the weather is not always kind at this time of year and that we all have places to rush on to, but additional cars driving down and more often reversing cause a significant risk to pupils and staff alike. We do ask for your cooperation for the safety and wellbeing of all.

Breakfast club operates from 7.45 am and to enable pupils and staff to be in class punctually the last food items will be served at 8.30 a.m.

## **11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk – Lowther Pavilion..... Its Nearly Time!**

All pupils will need to arrive punctually on Monday as we will register and set off for the Pantomime first thing. Pupils must wear full school uniform but are permitted to wear something on their head such as a Santa Hat or headband!

All pupils will be provided with a snack from school during the interval and we will share dinner in one sitting upon our return.

We look forward to telling you all about it.

**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**

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!

**Last session take place next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> December - No Extra Curricular Clubs until January  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Forest School - 'Christmas Campfire'

### Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	All of Class 1	Daisy Simpson	Thomas McMillan
Class 2	All of Class 2	Jaymin Modasia	
Class 3	Jessica Moore	Bailey Jenkin	Dougie Pye
Class 4	Macie Dixon	Tommy Holland-Bass	

*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!"



