



St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

25th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children and staff are currently working hard in preparing for the forthcoming Christmas events (see attached dates) and I can guarantee that you are in for a treat!

This Friday we have an important visit taking place in school (not Ofsted!) and we are very much looking forward to 'showing off' all that we have achieved in St Mary's since September.

I have no doubt that the staff and pupils will do us proud!

Best wishes,

Mrs Herbert



Pupil Conferencing

In September we implemented our Golden Rules and the new behaviour system. In addition we introduced a new regime for children to follow at the end of break.

This week, as part of our monitoring, Mrs Scarborough and I have interviewed eight children in KS2 to find out what they think about current behaviour at St Mary's.

The feedback that they provided was very positive—here are some quotes:

"We are learning much faster now."

"People aren't running down the corridors... it's much calmer."

"We are learning a lot more and it's much better. Lots of people are realising that they are working hard for themselves... my friends and adults are saying well done."

"Behaviour is a million times better. People now understand that SATs are here and we have to learn. If you came into our class now you would see good behaviour and we would be working hard."

Further suggestion:

- Bring back table monitors at lunch time



Forthcoming Dates:

- 28.11.15 Parish Bazaar in St Ives Church 10am-2.00pm
- 02.12.15 Infant Reconciliation Service at school: 10.45am—11.15am
- 07.12.15 Y1 and Y2 Nativity afternoon in the hall: 2.00pm
- 08.12.15 Y1 and Y2 Nativity in the hall: 6.00pm
- 09.12.15 Nursery Nativity morning in the hall: 10.00am
- 10.12.15 Nursery Nativity afternoon in the hall: 2.00pm
- 11.12.15 Christmas Fayre in the school hall: 2.30pm-4.00pm
- 14.12.15 Y3 and Y4 Carols and Reading evening in the church: 6.00pm
- 15.12.15 Y5 and Y6 Christingle in the Church: 6.00pm
- 16.12.15 Christmas Lunch
- 17.12.15 Advent Mass in school at 9.30am
- 18.12.15 **INSET day—school closed to pupils**

4th January 2016—first day of the Spring term!



RE Topic

Our RE Topics this term are:

Advent - learning about preparing for the birth of Jesus and how Christians use Advent to prepare themselves for Christmas.

Christmas - the importance of Christmas to Christians.

The children will have the opportunity to explore these topics during collective worship and in class.

First Holy Communion Class: next session 28.11.15 at the church hall.

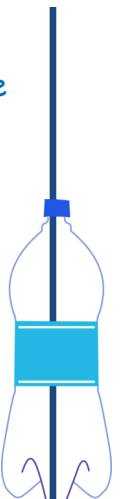
Christmas Fayre

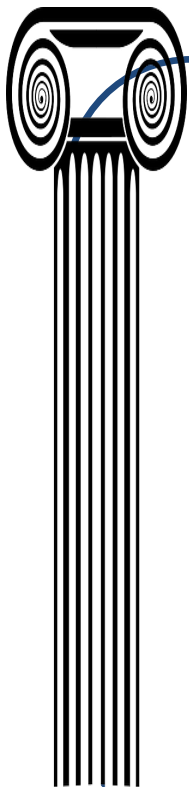
The Christmas Fayre is due to take place on Friday 11th December

This week non-uniform day will be on **THURSDAY!**

We would be grateful if each family could donate a bottle for a stall e.g. wine, bubble bath, lemonade, juice, shower gel.

Many thanks.





A Greek Banquet

Year five have just started researching and exploring what life was like in Greek times. Each Friday, across the school, children have Golden Time—20 minutes in KS1 and 30 minutes in KS2.

This week, Year 5 chose to host a Greek banquet during their Golden Time. The class and their families worked hard at creating a feast and the event proved to be very popular and successful!

We would like to pass on our thanks to all of you at home who supported this event—it was very much appreciated. The children had a wonderful time, but also learnt a great deal about food in Greek times.



Attendance and Punctuality

We are pleased to inform you that currently our overall attendance rate is running at 96.4% which is wonderful news! Well done to everyone!

Do remember that children need to be at school on time—they need to be through the school gate by 8.40am.

Please do come and speak with us if we can support you in any way.



Stars of the week!

Reception: Darcie
-Mae

Year 1: Leland

Year 2: Fletcher

Year 3: Oliver

Year 4: Taylor

Year 5: Oscar

Year 6: Marcelli



Attendance: aiming for a minimum of 95%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	90%	87.6%	91.8%	97.9%	97.4%	97%

