



# St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

17th December 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, today sees the end of the Autumn Term. We have had a very successful term here at St Mary's and the children and staff have worked extremely hard! I am sure they are now looking forward to a well deserved rest.

Next term we look forward to introducing a range of new after school clubs for pupils which include tag rugby, netball, craft club and more! We will be bringing in some external sports coaches to support this and aim to become more involved in local leagues.

In addition year 4 /5 (Spring Term) and Year 6 (Summer Term) will have the opportunity to take part in Bike Ability.

In addition we will be the first school in the area to offer Balance Ability to all of our Reception and Year 1 children (Spring Term). Further information will be sent to you at the start of term.

We would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mr Fletcher (Y2), Mrs Harvey (TA), Mr Moody (TA), Miss Calder (PPA cover) and Miss Marsh (PE PPA) who will be leaving us this term. We wish them luck.

We would like to welcome back Mrs Barnard and Mrs Mace-Butler from maternity leave. We would also like to welcome Miss Pascoe (Y2 and PE lead) and Mr Tremaine (PE PPA) to the team.

Finally, all of the staff and pupils would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Best wishes, Mrs Herbert

## Year 1 Crib Workshop

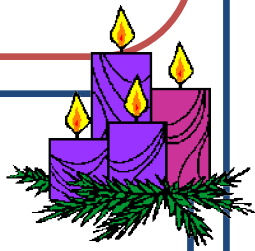
Year 1 took part in the crib decoration workshop on Tuesday. The class used lots of greenery, red berries and poinsettia flowers to make some beautiful decorations. Come and see them at church over Christmas.



**Children return  
to school on  
Monday 4th  
January 2016**

## Christmas Pantomime!

On Tuesday years 5 and 6 were invited to Humphry Davy School to watch the Pied Piper of Hamlyn. The children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime and staff commended them on their behaviour throughout the performance. Well done!



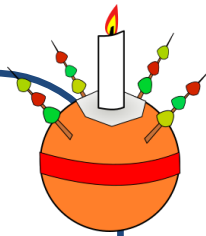
## Parking

A number of parents have shared their concerns about the parking arrangements outside the school at the beginning/end of the day.

Please can we ask that people approach and leave the school at an appropriate speed and that they use the parking places provided. If spaces are full, please be patient and avoid blocking the highway or pavements as this puts our families at risk. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.



## Christmas Services



Over the past week all classes have been involved in a range of Christmas services.

The children and staff worked extremely hard and I am sure that you would agree that their efforts paid off. The feedback that the children have had in relation to their performance and behaviour has been very positive, so thank you.

The collection from the two Nativities and Christmas jumper day raised £154 for the Salvation Army, a charity chosen by the school council.

An additional £166.88 has been raised from the Church services and staff. This will be donated to Penhaligon's Friends, a charity close to the schools heart.

## Christmas Fayre!

A huge thank you to the parents who organised the very successful Christmas Fayre at very short notice. Thank you also to all of the staff that helped with the organising and with the clearing up.

It was wonderful to see so many people at the fayre and I am pleased to tell you that £959 was raised for the school—amazing!

Some of the money raised brought every child a cracker to have with their lunch yesterday and today they have all received a selection box.

