

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardian.

Learning and caring for each other



**A huge thank you...** to everyone who made our Harvest Service so special. The many, many donations and your generosity was very much appreciated by local residents, Re:Dish and the Well Spring Kitchen. It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our service showing that at St Mary's we ALL really do learn and care for each other. We have also sent a donation of £22.75 to Christian Aid to help buy food and medicines for young children in India.



**Reminder...** please could I encourage you to make all hospital or dental appointments outside school time if possible. Loss of learning really does impact on progress and can be frustrating for your child. If you must take your child out of school, please could you let Ms Evans or Mrs Edwards know in the office in advance. They will also need to see your appointment card or letter for our records. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



**Respect...** is our Christian value for this term. We will be exploring how we can respect each other and how our behaviours impact on the health and wellbeing of each other. We will also be reinforcing our Bible message chosen by our children 'With God all things are possible.' Matthew 19:26.

**Football...**our school football team played Queensgate Primary at the start of the week and although it was not an easy game, we were very proud of their efforts as a team. We were especially proud of their team spirit as they played and celebrated a 3:1 win in the first round of the Metro Cup. Thank you to Mr Massey our referee and also to all the supporters who helped to create a sporting atmosphere.

**St Mary's After School Café...**will still be open in the church hall every Wednesday after school until 4.30pm. Why not join families and friends for refreshments whilst your children are at an after school club or take them with you for a chat in a warm place to do homework in the dark cold evenings?



**Eco News...**We have been very busy over the last half term with our Eco work. The Eco council are happy to announce that our green flag has been renewed which is testament to all the hard work the school has done in improving the numbers of children walking to school, reducing litter and single use plastic and finding ways to reduce energy use during our switch it off weeks. Looking ahead we are going to be involved in a youth climate summit at Manchester University and a project to install clean air purifiers in school. The children at St Mary's are truly committed to making a difference to our planet as you can see.

**Winter...**as we approach the colder winter days, please could you ensure your child has a coat in school everyday and they may prefer to wear joggers or leggings for PE outside. No labels/ brands –thank you.

**eSafety...**as always this is a priority and you maybe aware that in school we receive a daily report which informs us of any inappropriate activity on the internet in school. I am pleased to say that to date, not a single alert has been received. However, this does not cover internet use when children are in their own homes. Please be extra vigilant and monitor your child's internet usage and who they are having online conversations with – you can never be too careful.

**A few places in classes...**due to recent house moves we have a few spaces in some of our classes. If you do know anyone who would like to join us, please let them know and ask them to phone the office for more information. It would be lovely to welcome your child's friends into our highly regarded family school.

## Date for your diary...

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – INSET Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Switch It Off Fortnight starts
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Red Class Vision Screening
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Green class (Y3) Stone Age Workshop
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2.45pm – School Dinner taster
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week starts
- 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Nov- Road Safety Workshops
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Nasal Flu Immunisations for children
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Climate Change event at Manchester University
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole school worship with Rev Helen and Cate
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – SEND Review meetings
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 7.30pm – Carols at St Georges Church
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm – Our Carol Service in St Marys Church
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole school worship with Rev Helen
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm and 6pm - KS1 Nativity
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Mr Beckingham's assembly
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Indigo Class (Yr5) Anglo-Saxon Workshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Red Class (EYFS) Panto trip
- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas parties
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – School closes for Christmas
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – School re-opens



More information to follow about PTA/parent organised Christmas celebrations and events. If you would like to help organise an event, to contribute or you have any suggested event and activity ideas...PLEASE contact school ASAP.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself if you would like to discuss anything or if you have any questions.

Best wishes,  
Mrs E. Irvin and all the staff at St Mary's