

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Learning and caring for each other

There is only one more week left in school before our children finish for the Christmas holidays. It has been a seven week half term but the time seems to have flown! Reflecting on the past few weeks we have so much to be proud of and grateful for. By working together we have kept each other safe and well, so thank you. I would also like to extend thanks to Mrs Mullarkey for our beautiful Advent Wreath, to those parents who have worked so hard seeking out gifts which can be passed onto other families as Christmas presents, for food donations and outgrown items of uniform and clothing to be passed on. By sharing this way, we are helping each other in the difficult circumstances we find ourselves in.

**Class Nativities...** Red, Orange and Yellow classes have been very busy working on their class bubble nativities this week. They have been learning lines, wearing costumes and growing in confidence as they enjoy their important acting roles. Look out for their hard work and efforts on Google Classroom.

**KS2 Christingle and Carol Service in St Mary's Church...**Our KS2 children will walk over to church on the morning of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December for a child friendly service with Rev Helen and Rev Liz. Sadly, parents will not be able to join us as larger gatherings are not permitted but we will take photographs and children will be bringing home their own Christingle. No doubt you will also hear about the service.

**Christmas Jumper Day...**thank you to everyone who donated to our chosen Christmas charity 'Save the Children' and our children looked very festive as they enjoyed their Christmas dinners in their own clothes and Christmas jumpers.

**Class Bubble Post Christmas Boxes...**this is just a reminder that classes have bubble post boxes. Any cards posted will need to go into quarantine for 72 hours before the Christmas Elves can deliver them so the last post will be Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Parties...**have been timetabled for all classes. The first party for Orange Class is today. By now you should have received an email about party food and the day of your child's class bubble party. Please could I remind you that they are not allowed to share food so to avoid waste, please only send things you know your child would like to eat. They will also be eating their usual lunch so they may not need much to eat.

\*Food allergy warning: we are a nut free school.

**Our school PTA Christmas Raffle ...**thank you to everyone who has sort a raffle prize, donated a raffle prize or bought a raffle ticket. Every contribution will help us to buy more Chromebooks and IT resources to help with online learning at home and in school. We still have a few tickets left if you would like another book before the draw next week. The raffle draw will be during the afternoon of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you are a winner, we will be in touch ASAP after the draw so that you are able to collect your prize before we close for Christmas.

**Name the Carrot...**We are very fortunate to have two VIPs given to us. You may be familiar with 'Kevin the Carrot' well, we have two of his family in school! We are holding a free children's name the carrot competition in school and the two lucky winners will be taking home their prize! Not to be eaten on Christmas day but hopefully they will bring plenty of laughter and joy.

**Working in partnership with St Mary's Church...** we are very aware that Christmas can be an expensive time of year. Parishioners and Morrison's supermarket have already kindly donated food and toiletry items but we are hoping to put together some fresh food Christmas mini hampers. If you know of someone who may be struggling this Christmas and would benefit from one of these mini hampers, please let us know in school so we can help in some way.

**Parent Governor Election...**thank you to everyone who voted and a special thank you to the parents who expressed an interest in joining our Governing Board. In the recent poll, Mrs Angelina Murphy was elected for a four year term of office. She joins Mrs Colette Hallworth who is also a Parent Governor.

**And finally...**I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the staff at St Mary's who, without them our children would not be as safe and cared for each day when they are learning. Our staff see it as more than a job, we are a family working in partnership with your children and you.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas followed by a very happy and healthy 2021.

Take care and stay safe,  
Mrs Irvin and all the staff at St Mary's

- ❖ School will close to children for Christmas on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please collect you child at their usual rota time.
- ❖ St Mary's reopens on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

