

Newsletter

Learning and caring for each other

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

We would like to begin with a few 'THANK YOU' messages...



Firstly, thank you so much for your support and generous 'Children in Need' donations. Together we raise £429.61! It was lovely to see so many children in their spotty and comfy clothes.

Thank you... for taking time out to meet virtually with your child's teacher. Working together, we are able to achieve much more and this can only help your child in their learning. A fantastic 94% of parents 'attended' showing how important you think your child's education is. Thank you also to everyone who encourages, reminds and guides their child at home, so that homework is completed and spellings and times tables are known.



We have a few places available... if you know anyone who would like to join us at St Mary's, please tell them we have a limited number of places in some classes. If they phone the office on 0161 480 4736, we will be able to let them know how to apply.

School Website... our school values are creativity, perseverance, love, respect and forgiveness. If you would like to find out more and see these 'in action' please look at the photos in the **Pupils - Class Areas** of our school website. Remember to take a peep at our St Mary's Stars area too and see who has been awarded a certificate for 'shining extra brightly' each week. Our new, refreshed website is still being constructed and it will be launched in the New Year.

<http://www.st-marys-reddish.stockport.sch.uk>

A fond farewell... Ms Evans has a special place in all our hearts and I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new career. I am very pleased for Ms Evans who will be taking up her new position in January but equally saddened because she is leaving us! She has worked tirelessly for more than 13 years as our School Business Manager, guiding and supporting every child and adult in St Mary's school family.



...Ms Evans, we will miss you greatly!

Thank You

Christmas is coming...

- **Wednesday 8th December** – we are very proud to say that all our Key Stage 2 children will be involved in a virtual Carol Service, which has been organised by The Stockport Music Service. The children have been learning their carols and our children have also been chosen to do readings.
- **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10th December.** If your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper (or any jumper instead of their school sweater), they are very welcome to do so, for a **donation to charity**. PLEASE do not buy new clothing for your child to wear, it is not necessary.
- **Carol Service - Monday 13th December.** Our KS2 children will be going to St Mary's Church in the morning for a Carol Service with Rev Angie Stanton. Our Yr5 & Yr6 children will start their service at 9.15am and then our Yr3 & Yr4 children will follow with their service at 10.15am. Parents and family are welcome to join us in church. If you do decide to join us, please remember that a face covering is required.
- **Born in a Barn -** Our EY, Yr1 and Yr2 children will perform 'Born in a Barn' on **Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th December.** This will be a challenge for them and I know they will be exceptionally tired by the end of the week! We are still hopeful that one family member can attend using their invitation so they have a real audience. We are unable to swap tickets, change the day you have been offered or accept any additional numbers due to the current COVID restrictions. The Nativity will be filmed so if you would like to order a DVD or USB copy, please contact the office on 0161 480 4736.
- **Christmas Dinner - Friday 17th December.** All orders have been placed and whether your child has a Christmas Dinner or if they bring their own lunch, I am sure they will enjoy the festive excitement.
- **Christmas Parties – week beginning 20th December.** Each class teacher will email their letter to you soon.
- **School Closes for the Christmas break on Wednesday 22nd December and reopens on 6th January 2022.**

Stay safe and take care,
Mrs Irvin and all the staff at St. Mary's