



St. Mary's Newsletter

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Christmas 2016

As we approach the end of our first term we can reflect on the hard work accomplished by our pupils along with the fun filled curriculum that is delivered at St. Mary's.

Year 6 have enjoyed their annual visit to the Maths Roadshow at St. Ambrose Barlow High School, Years 1-3 attended Bury Fusiliers Museum where they were commended on their outstanding behaviour.

The Sacramental Programme for children in Year 3 will commence in the New Year. Any child in Years 4-6 who are baptised catholic and have not received the sacraments of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, please let the school office know if you wish to join the programme this year.

During Anti-Bullying Week, the children watched the anti-bullying play, as well as receiving the online safety training for pupils and parents. A visit from the Ten Ten Theatre Company was thoroughly enjoyed by all, which marked the end of the Year of Mercy. Year 5 pupils completed their safer cycling course and the choir attended The Poppy Centre to sing Christmas carols. The whole school enjoyed the Aladdin performance paid for by the PTA. Our Christmas performances presented by pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1 were once again very entertaining. This year the school organised a Christmas in the community event with the elderly parishioners and neighbours invited to attend our Christmas event with light refreshments, a game of bingo and our carol concert performed by Key stage 2 pupils. The St Mary's Bake Off was well supported as we were inundated with cakes! Please see our list of winners below.

Congratulations to all those who participated.

Our talented children were wonderful and it was great to see so many proud parents, grandparents and pupils. The theme of giving to others less fortunate than ourselves was once again a success, the money raised from our ticket sales will go to The Lally Centre and Save the Children. Many thanks for

your generosity at this special time of year.

Thanks to the PTA for organising the fancy dress disco, the raffle, the entertainer on Christmas party day, for providing Santa's grotto goods and for supporting school throughout this term's events.

Bake Off Runners Ups: Maximus (Nur), Lucy and Nathan (Y1 & 4), Holly and Declan (Y4 & Y6)

Winners: Rebekah (Y1), Hanna (Y1), Lily (Y6)

Christmas card winner: Ashley U. (Y4)

Holiday homework: Christmas Activity List – All pupils in KS1 & KS2 have been informed.

Reminders:

Once again we have the seasonal run of minor illnesses due to colds and sickness bugs. Please ensure that you ring the school first thing in the morning to report your child's absence. If your child is suffering from sickness and viral bugs please keep them at home (48 hours for vomiting and diarrhoea) and contact the school. Please make sure any contagious infections or illnesses are reported to school immediately and your child is kept at home. We have pupils with a low immune system in school whose parents need to be made aware of any infections which their child may be exposed to. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

In the event of adverse weather, please check the school website and Salford's City Council website (school closures) for information regarding whether school will be open or closed. If the playground is too dangerous to walk on, the main school entrance will be used and a notice will be placed on the school playground gates.

Parents of pupils who are continually late for school will be invited in to speak to Mrs Raynor to try and resolve the issue. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please make an appointment via the school office. No parent is allowed to enter the school without making an appointment through the school office; access and signing in at the main entrance is a safety requirement.

Parents are to speak to a member of staff regarding school matters and not to approach or speak to pupils directly themselves.

Staff car park is for staff use only, not to be used by parents including those attending breakfast and after school clubs.

Please avoid parking across driveways and in front of our neighbours properties. Please inform the school of any changes in circumstances i.e. phone numbers, change of address, or any relevant information which may impact on your child's education and wellbeing. If for whatever reason you require additional school letters and school reports for each parent, or paper copies of newsletters, please inform the school office.

Diary Dates

Mon 9 Jan – Y6 English Booster with Mr Loynd commences

Mon 9 Jan – Art Club with Miss Sackfield commences

Tue 10 Jan – Reading Breakfast club with Mrs Brown commences

Tue 10 Jan – Y6 Maths Booster with Mr Johnson commences

Tue 10 Jan – Journalism Club with Mrs Brown commences

Wed 11 Jan – Cross Country with Mr Chadwick and Miss Crawshaw commences

Wed 11 Jan – Y5&6 Advanced Maths classes commences

Thu 12 Jan – After School Dance Club commences

Fri 20 Jan – Year 6 Celebration Assembly

Wed 25 Jan – Visit from Councillor Karen Garrido

Fri 27 Jan – Year 5 Celebration Assembly

Mon 30 Jan – British Red Cross to visit Y6

Fri 3 Feb – NSPCC Number Day

Fri 3 Feb – Year 4K Celebration Assembly

Fri 10 Feb – Year 4S Celebration Assembly

Fri 10 Feb – Defibrillator training for staff and some pupils

Fri 17 Feb – Half term Holiday commences at 3:30pm

We wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas. See you all on Mon 9th January 2017 at 8:45am.