



# St. Mary's Newsletter

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## Christmas 2017

Dear parents, many thanks for your support this term. The Christmas plays and carol service were once again well supported with our talented pupils and staff producing wonderful shows for parents and the elderly in our community. Ticket money raised will go to St. Ann's Hospice.

The choir performed at Morrisons, for the ceremonial Mayor and at the Fountain Nursing Home and received very good feedback.

The children had an enjoyable last week with fun activities. Thank you to staff and PTA for all their support with these events.

### St. Mary's Bake Off

Congratulations to the winners: Ava Y1, Oliver Y4, Charlotte Y5 and Lucy Y3, and to the Runners up: Gabriel Y5, Ewan N, Katie Y5, Connor Y3, Rebekah Y2. Thank you to everyone who entered, receiving 10 house points each!

### Bad Weather

Please keep an eye on the school and council websites for updates should the weather turn really bad over the Christmas break. In the event of a school closure the above lines of communication will take effect and local radios will be informed.

### Packed lunch and snacks

Just to remind you that we are a healthy school and we encourage our pupils to eat healthily at all times. Please avoid solid bars of chocolate and do not send nut products in with your child as we have some children across school with nut allergies.

### Parent Pay

A reminder to check that you are up to date with payments and that you have stored on Parent Pay the correct email address and mobile numbers.

### Parents in playground and school

Please speak to a member of staff regarding any issues rather than approach other parents. Threatening and abusive behaviour goes against our school ethos and will not be tolerated.

Parents are not allowed in the main school building at the start and end of the day unless they have an appointment in which case access will be via the main office.

### Collection of pupils

There has been an increase in the

number of children not being collected on time and occasionally school not informed of the delay. Any child not collected by 3:45pm will be placed in our own after school club and a charge of £5 per pupil will be made.

### Lateness

Late pupils – parents will be asked to meet Mrs Raynor and the EWO regarding their consistent lateness which impacts on children's education and wellbeing.

### Parent Governor Election

New parent governor is Mr Craig Seddon, congratulations to him and thank you for the nominations and elections.

### Holidays during term times

These will be unauthorised. Exceptional circumstances will be considered but these are very rare and sometimes unavoidable. Unauthorised absences of 5 days in a year will warrant a £60 fine per pupil per parent. Persistent absences of below 90% are a concern.

### Wednesday Word

This is the Spring timetable for the collective worship in the outdoor chapel:

10 Jan	Year 4
17 Jan	Year 1
24 Jan	Year 2
31 Jan	Year 3
7 Feb	Nursery
14 Feb	Reception
7 Mar	Year 5L
14 Mar	Year 5C
21 Mar	Year 6

### Wednesday Workshops

The focus for the Spring Term will be Maths; this is the timetable:

17 Jan	Year 6
24 Jan	Year 5L
31 Jan	Year 5C
7 Feb	Year 4
14 Feb	Ash Wednesday
28 Feb	Year 3
7 Mar	Year 2
14 Mar	Year 1
21 Mar	Reception

### Coats

All children must bring a coat to school during the winter months and wear their school jumper.

### New Mission Statement

The launch of our new school Mission Statement linked to our behaviour policy is very effective in ensuring inspirational,

kind, caring and well behaved pupils whom we are very proud of.

### KS2 Performance

2017 Key Stage 2 Performance Tables show St. Mary's above average in Reading and well above average for Writing and Maths. We continue to maintain our outstanding status and to provide high quality education in a safe and caring learning environment. Thank you for your continued support ensuring your children are well equipped for school and recognise the importance of daily reading and completing homework.

### Holiday Homework

See your class Christmas checklist.

## Diary Dates

**Mon 8 Jan** – Dance after school club starts – 3:30-4:30pm

**Tue 9 Jan** – Y5 and Y6 History trip to Tatton Park

**Tue 9 Jan** – After school Film Club starts – 3:30-4:30pm

**Thu 11 Jan** – Cross Country Club – 3:30-4:15

**Fri 12 Jan** – Year 5C Celebration Assembly

**Tue 16 Jan** – Crafty Hands Club starts (Nurs and Rec) – 3:30-4:15pm

**Tue 16 Jan** – Funky Phonics Play Club starts (Rec and Y1) – 3:30-4:15pm

**Wed 17 Jan** – After school Rugby Club starts (Y3 and 4) – 3:30-4:30pm

**Thu 18 Jan** – Cross Country Club (last session)

**Fri 19 Jan** – Year 3 Celebration Assembly

**Mon 22 Jan** – Year 5C safer cycling Mon until Thursday

**Tue 23 Jan** – Visit from poet Tony Walsh

**Fri 26 Jan** – Year 2 Celebration Assembly

**Mon 29 Jan** – Year 5L safer cycling Mon until Thursday

**Fri 2 Feb** – NSPCC Number Day

**Fri 2 Feb** – Y3 trip to Chetham's School of Music

**Tue 6 Feb** – PTA Film Night (Y1 to Y6) 3:30-5:45pm

**Fri 9 Feb** – Year 1 Celebration Assembly

**Wed 14 Feb** – Ash Wednesday

**Fri 16 Feb** – Year 6 Celebration Assembly

**Fri 16 Feb** – Half term Holiday commences at 3:30pm

We wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas. See you all on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8:45am.