



St. Mary's News

25th November 2016



Christmas Fayre

There is only one more week to go to our annual Christmas Fayre, Friday 2nd December, after school in St Mary's Club. (Please note that the doors will be opened as soon as all the children have been dismissed and the staff are over at the club). We will be having one more non-uniform day next Thursday 1st December for donations of wine/bottles. We would also appreciate donations of cakes (bought or homemade) which can be brought into school from Wednesday, 30th November. Our school choir will be performing at the Christmas Fayre so make sure that you come along and join in the singing. **Please note that there will be no After School Care Club on the 2nd December.**



Lighting of the Billinge Christmas Tree

The lighting of the Billinge Christmas Tree will take place at the Public Hall on Friday, 9th December, at 6.00pm. Thank you to all the children who have made some lovely posters. The Parish Council will let us know next week who the winners are.

Our school choir will also be performing from 6.00-6.30pm around the Christmas Tree. Please come along to support them and join us in a carol or two!



Christmas in the Hall

The school choir has been invited to attend this year's Christmas in the Hall concert on Thursday, 1st December, at the Parish Church in St Helens. A letter has been sent home to all the children in the choir with more information.



Travelling Nativity

A letter will be sent home next week explaining about the Travelling Nativity (which is a small wooden set). If you would like to invite the Holy Family to come and stay for a night during Advent, please return the slip to school as soon as possible.



First Holy Communion - CHANGE OF DATE

The next session will be on **Wed 7th Dec** at 6.00pm in the infant hall and not the 30th Nov as previously stated. This is due to a clash with a full governing body meeting. This is a very important session as the session will prepare the children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Thursday 15th December at 2.30pm.



Selection Box Bingo

We will be holding a Christmas selection box bingo from 3.30pm until 5.00pm on Tues 6th Dec in the infant hall. It will be a fun-filled evening with bingo, guess the name of the elf, guess the weight of the Christmas cake, guess how many sweets in the jar and many more. Light refreshments of tea, coffee, juice, mince pies and biscuits will be available on the night. Entrance is £3.00 per person and will include a book of bingo tickets.



Y3 Health Day (Friday 2nd Dec)

Edge Hill University students are spending the day with our Year 3 children next Friday. They will spend the day exploring different ways of keeping healthy. Mrs Cotterill will be sending out further information on Monday.



Dates for Your Diary

02/12/16	Christmas Fayre in St Mary's Club from 3.30pm
13/12/16	KS1 Christmas Play 2.15pm
14/12/16	KS1 Christmas Play 2.15pm KS2 Christmas Play 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Play 7.00pm
15/12/16	Rec Christmas Play 2.30pm
15/12/16	Y4 Service of Reconciliation
16/12/16	School Christmas Lunch
16/12/16	School Christmas Parties
21/12/16	Christmas Service in Church 2.00pm
21/12/16	School closes for Christmas Holidays
21/12/16	Advance notice there will be no After School Club on the last day.



Reception Class Request

If your child is a shepherd, a king, Joseph or an innkeeper, could we ask that you provide them with black trousers, leggings or tights to go under their costume. Mary will also need white tights.



Handball

Handball will be on as normal after school next Friday. If your child is not going because of the Christmas Fayre can you please write a note in their diary. Unfortunately refunds will not be given as the money has already been paid into Premier Sports account.



Boccia

A big well done to Ben, Tom, Aaron, Cameron, Stephen and Travis who represented the school at a St Helens Boccia competition on Tuesday. The boys did really well and got to the semi-finals. A great time was had by all.



Christmas Crafts

All of our children will be making sweet filled Christmas crafts to sell at the Christmas Fayre. We would really appreciate it if your child could bring in some wrapped sweets to put inside their crackers, gift boxes etc. Can we please ask that no lollipops are sent in due to a choking hazard.

ALL Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3 children are making sweet filled crackers so donations of kitchen roll tubes would be really appreciated. We would also welcome donations of Christmas wrapping paper.



	before school	lunchtime	after school
Monday		zumba	football (KS2)
Tuesday	fun fitness		Y6 play rehearsals
Wednesday	Dance (KS2)	Dodgeball (KS2)	Dodgeball (KS1)
Thursday	fun fitness	Guitars KS2 Recorders Y2 football (KS1)	NO choir as children singing at Parish Church Y6 play rehearsals
Friday	Basketball (KS2)	Multi-skills (KS1)	Handball (KS2) Christmas Fayre

