



# St. Mary's News

## 2nd December 2016



### Christmas Fayre

A great big thank you to everyone for your very kind donations and for all your support. Please note that the doors will only be opened when all the children have been dismissed from school and the staff are over at the club. We are also expecting a very special visitor today! We will let you know the total raised next week. A big thank you to all the helpers and to the TA's who helped to set everything up at the club.



### Lighting of the Billinge Christmas Tree

The lighting of the Billinge Christmas Tree will take place at the Public Hall next Friday, 9th December, at 6.00pm. Our school choir will also be performing from 6.00-6.30pm so please come along to support them and join us in a carol or two!



### Travelling Nativity

A letter was sent home earlier this 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.



### School Council

At our school council meeting this week the children finalised the board games that they would like. Mrs Hymers will try to find time next week to go shopping with some of the children. The council also talked about ways of rewarding classes who have the highest attendance. From January, we will have a class of the month for attendance. The winning class will be able to choose a reward.



### Premier Sports

A letter has gone home this week about the activities that Premier Sports will be running after the Christmas holidays. Please send in your slips as soon as possible as the places do get filled very quick. Please do not send any money until it has been confirmed that your child has secured a place.



### Advance Notice

There will be no After School Care Club on Wednesday 21st December (last day of term).

### First Holy Communion - CHANGE OF DATE

The next session will be on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.00pm in the infant hall. This is a very important session as the session will prepare the children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.

**Future dates for First Holy Communion sessions are:**

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May



### Selection Box Bingo

We will be holding a Christmas selection box bingo from 3.30pm until 5.00pm on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 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

The children in Year 3 have really enjoyed a health day with students from Edge Hill College. They have been learning about bones, muscles, different athletes and all the ways we can keep fit and healthy. They all had a great day and they were all very well behaved.



### Mince Pies and Carols

On Thursday, 15th December, Mrs Taylor is inviting the parents of children in the choir to come along for a mince pie and a sing a long from 4.00-4.30pm in the infant hall. Please note that there will be no choir next Thursday, 8th December



### Tea@2

There was no Tea@2 today due to Mrs Hymers being busy setting up the Christmas Fayre (with a little help from the staff and PTFA).





### Polite Reminder – KS2 Tracksuits

Can we please remind you that children in KS2 are only allowed to wear tracksuits on a Friday if they are the school tracksuits as this is part of their uniform. If your child does not have a school tracksuit then they need to come to school in their uniform and get changed before their games lesson. It is not acceptable to wear grey or black tracksuit pants. Thank you.



### Christmas Plays

Tickets are needed to see the KS2 play. A letter will be sent out next week explaining how to get them.

If you are coming to see the Reception or the KS1 play you don't need to have a ticket we just ask that you only come to see them once. Information about the plays will be sent out shortly.

### Christmas in the Hall

Last night the school choir took part in this year's Christmas in the Hall concert at the Parish Church in St Helens. It was a lovely evening and the children all sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who came along.



### Methodist Church

On the 14th December the choir has been invited to go to the Methodist Church to sing for the Elderly at their Christmas party.

### Book Circle Group

Joseph, our Year 4 Reading Beacon would like to invite any Junior children who have read, or are currently reading, Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to meet him and Mrs Talbot-Davies for a book circle group. Bring along your book on Monday, 19th December and the Book Group will talk about their favourite characters and themes from this popular book. Meet at 12.45pm in the Junior hall.

