



# St. Mary's News

## 9th December 2016



### Christmas Fayre

A great big thank to everyone who worked so hard last Friday to make the Christmas Fayre a great success. The club looked fantastic and the choir added that extra festive touch. We raised just over £1450 - a magnificent total in just over an hour and half of fun.

A special mention to Joshua Balmer from Y5 who after winning both a raffle prize and the £1 in a bucket decided to donate the winnings of £1 in the bucket to Mission Christmas and to people who are struggling to buy food.

### Selection Box Bingo

A great big thank you to everyone who attended our selection box bingo on Tuesday night. A great time was had by all and everyone went home with at least one selection box. Another thank you to the PTA members who gave up their time to set up and run the bingo. We raised a fantastic £287.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Y4 children, along with Charlotte and Harry from Y6, make their First Confession in Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. All family members are invited to join the children as they celebrate this special occasion.

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

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017



### 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.



### Dress Up Christmassy Day

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a Dress Up Christmassy Day. For a £1 the children can come to school dressed up in a Christmassy way. Let your imagination run wild!



### Reminder

Our school Christmas dinner is next Friday, 16th December. If your child stays for packed lunches they are encouraged to bring a festive lunch. Fish and Chips will be on Thursday instead.



### Lighting of the Billinge Christmas Tree

The lighting of the Billinge Christmas Tree will take place at the Public Hall tonight at 6.00pm. Our school choir will be performing from 6.00-6.30pm and are asked to meet Mrs Taylor and Mrs Hymers at 5.50pm in their school uniform. Please come along to join us in a carol or two!

The winners of the poster competition were:

Reception - Isabelle

Year 1 - Jacob

Year 2 - Lucy

Year 3 - Megan

Year 4 - Jake

Year 5 - Mischa

Year 6 - John Paul



CHRISTMAS TREE

The overall winner was Lucy Somers Year 2. Well done everyone there were some really super posters.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

All of our children will be having their Christmas parties on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. The children can come to school in their party clothes - but we ask that they have sensible footwear on as they will still be playing outside. We would also advise you against putting your children in really special outfits as they sometimes fall and ruin their clothes. Finally, as with a normal school day, we ask that no jewellery is worn - other than a watch.



### 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.



### Advance Notice

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

### Lunchtime Awards

	<u>Dinner Hall</u>	<u>Playground</u>
Rec	- Joseph	Sophia
Year 1	- Deacon	Emily
Year 2	- Jayden	Amelie
Year 3	- Myla	Tom
Year 4	- Chloe	Travis
Year 5	- Mischa	Ellie May
Year 6	- Jacob	Sean



### Good Work

A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their good work this week.

- Rec - Tyler
- Year 1 - Emily
- Year 2 - Maya
- Year 3 - James
- Year 4 - Travis
- Year 5 - Mischa
- Year 6 - Lucy Jo



### ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLAYS

KS2 - A letter has been sent home explaining how to get tickets for the KS2 play. There are still a few available so please put a note in your child's diary if you require any tickets.

KS1 - Tickets are not needed for the KS1 performances but we do ask that you only attend one of the performances.

Reception - Tickets are not needed for the Reception class performance.

The doors will only be opened ten minutes before the start of each performance.

We don't charge for tickets for our Christmas plays - instead we ask for a donation at the end of each performance. The money raised this year will help to fund the children's much wanted football/basketball net play areas. All donations will be greatly appreciated as we are still a little way from our targeted total.



w/c 12/12/16	before school	lunchtime	after school
Monday		Zumba	Football (KS2)
Tuesday	Fun fitness		
Wednesday	Dance (KS2)	Dodgeball (KS2)	Dodgeball (KS1)
Thursday	Fun fitness	Guitars KS2 Recorders Y2 Football (KS1)	Choir - Mince pies and carols
Friday	Basketball (KS2)	Multi-skills (KS1)	Handball (KS2)

### Activities in School

When we come back in January the following activities are on offer to the children. Forms for the Premier Sports activities should now have been returned to school to secure your child's place. Letters will be sent home next week informing you of which activities your child has been offered.

Please note that the Wednesday activities will only start on 11th January. The Friday activities will start on 6th January.

	before school	lunchtime	after school
Monday		Zumba	Football (KS2)
Tuesday	Fun fitness		
Wednesday	Boccia (KS2)	Fencing (Rec & KS1)	Fencing (KS2)
Thursday	Fun fitness	Guitars KS2 Recorders Y2 Football (KS1)	Choir ( <b>restarts Thursday 12th January</b> )
Friday	Gymnastics (KS2)	Gymnastics (Rec & KS1)	Dodgeball (KS2)

