



St. Mary's News

22nd November 2019



Countdown to Christmas—EVENTS

As detailed in last week's Christmas Activities/Events Information sheet, we are planning to hold several fund raising events over the next few weeks in place of the Christmas Fair. Yesterday, the children came to school in their own clothes in exchange for Christmas chocolates/selection boxes. These will be used as prizes for our Christmas Bingo and Chocolate Tombola. Many thanks for your donations. If you forgot to send in your donation, they can still be sent in via your child's class teacher.

Selection Box Bingo (Bottle Stall and Chocolate Tombola)—Friday 6th December

The first event in our Countdown to Christmas is the Selection Box Bingo which will take place on Friday 6th December from 3.45pm—5.00pm. **Tickets go on sale on MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER** and can be bought from the school office for the price of £2.50 per person. Places are limited to 80, so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Christmas Craft Night- Friday 13th December

This is the second of our fundraising events and will take place on Friday 13th December from 3.30pm—5.15pm. **Tickets go on sale on MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER** from the school office and cost £5 for the session. The children will have the opportunity to make a range of Christmas gifts to bring home with them e.g. decorating a tree decoration; making sweet filled Christmas boxes; making Christmas badges, keyrings or snow globes. There will be lots to do and we are sure that this will be a popular event.



This is a child only event and numbers are limited to 35 KS1 children and 45 KS2 children.

Colours of Christmas Hamper Raffle—To be drawn on Tuesday 17th Dec

Many thanks to those of you who have already sent in your hamper donations. We will be holding a non uniform day on Thursday Dec 5th in exchange for hamper gifts.



We are asking for donations of: food and drink (all in date); unopened toiletries; new toys/games/jigsaws; stationery; decorations; Christmassy gifts etc. in the correct colour (or containing some of the colour) for your child's class. A movie afternoon with juice and popcorn will be awarded to the class who creates the best hamper(s). Your gifts do not need to contain both colours allocated to your child's class—just one of the colours is fine. Colours for each class are:

Reception: Red/Orange Year One: Gold/Blue Year Two: Blue/White

Year Three: Purple/Pink Year Four: Green/Gold Year Five: Silver/Purple Year Six: Red/Gold

A book of 5 raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.



Christmas Movie Night—Tuesday 17th December.



Further information to follow in next week's newsletter.



Christmas Slap Bands

We will be selling Christmas Slap Bands from Monday at the school office. Bands cost £1.00 and all proceeds raised will go towards buying new percussion instruments for our children to use in their music lessons.



The slap bands will also be on sale at the Christmas Bingo.



Year 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation—Thursday 12th December

Our Year 4 children will be making their First Confession on Thursday 12th December at 2.15pm in Church.

Family members are invited to join us in Church from 2.10pm.

Our choir will also be going along to the service to support the children as they receive this special sacrament—the first of two this year.

Parents who are unable to make the service can collect their children as normal at the end of the school day.



It's A Boy!

Our love and congratulations go to Miss Davies and her partner following the safe arrival of their first child. Their little boy was born on the 13th November at 11.58pm weighing 7lb 13ozs.

They have named their bundle of joy Seth.



We wish them well as they begin their lives together as new parents. Here's to dirty nappies; teething pains and lots of sleepless nights—but one little smile makes it all worthwhile.

We are looking forward to meeting the new arrival and we hope that Miss Davies will pop into school soon to show off her new son.



Clubs/Activities

for Autumn half term 2



	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba Spaces Available	
Tuesday	Fun Fitness		
Wednesday	Archery KS2 Spaces available	Handball KS1 and KS2 Spaces available Recorders	Archery Rec & KS1 full
Thursday	Fun Fitness	Guitars Recorders	Choir
Friday	Gymnastics BAGA Awards full	Athletics Rec & KS1 full	Lacrosse KS2 Spaces available

Please note that ABC will be closed on the evening of Wednesday 18th December in order for staff to attend a staff event. Breakfast Club will be open as normal.

Lunchtime Stars

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as our lunchtime stars for this week:

- Rec - Lucy
- Year 1 - Jude
- Year 2 - Taylor
- Year 3 - Molly
- Year 4 - Florence
- Year 5 - Millie
- Year 6 - Megan



Good Work

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

- Reception - George
- Year 1 - Tyler
- Year 2 - Taylor
- Year 3 - Heidi B
- Year 4 - Reggie
- Year 5 - Millie
- Year 6 - Caitlin & Evanna



Class Attendance

- Reception - 94.87%
- Year 1 - 98.52%
- Year 2 - 97.41%
- Year 3 - 98.02%
- Year 4 - 94.81%
- Year 5 - 96.30%
- Year 6 - 93.70%

A big well done to Year 1 who have the best attendance this week.

House Points

	Infants	Juniors
Matthew	Jude (Y1)	Tom H (Y6)
Mark	Malachy (Y2)	Oliver (Y4)
Luke	Harry (Y1)	Liam W (Y3)
John	Sophia (Y1)	James (Y6)

The overall winners were: Harry (Y1) & Tom H (Y6). Well done everyone!

Our Reception Stars

Our Reception children have their own class reward system. A child will be chosen as their House Star of the Week and an overall Class Star will be chosen. The class star will be given a trophy to take home for the week. (To be returned next week.)

- This week's winners are:
- Matthew House Star: Alanna
 - Mark House Star: Jennifer
 - Luke House Star: Heidi
 - John House Star: William
 - Overall Star of the Week: Heidi



Bucket Filling

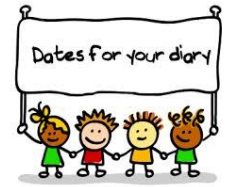
Mrs Naylor has chosen Faye and Keira A from Y4 as her Bucket Fillers this week.

She said that the girls found some money whilst out on the playground earlier in the week and that they handed the money in - showing integrity - which is one of our school values.

Well done girls. It is lovely to hear about you making the right choices.

We are proud of you.

Below are a list of dates and events in school that have been confirmed for the new term. Further dates and events will be added as they arise. We will try our best to ensure that we inform you of new events/changes to events as soon as we are able.



- Friday 6th Dec 2019 Christmas Bingo—Tickets needed. Infant Hall
- Tues 10th Dec 2019 Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm
- Wed 11th Dec 2019 Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm
Key Stage 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm and 7.00pm
- Thurs 12th Dec 2019 Y4 First Confession in Church 2.15pm. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED.** Families are welcome to attend.
- Fri 13th Dec 2019 Reception Christmas Play. **2.30pm TIME CONFIRMED** Infant Hall
- Tues 17th Dec 2019 Christmas Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. Christmas Dinner.
Christmas Day of Fun!
Christmas Movie Night—Tickets needed.
- Wed 18th Dec 2019 Community Christmas. We would like to invite our parishioners and elderly members of our community into school to listen to our fabulous choir sing carols and for coffee/tea and mince pies. If you know of any elderly member in our community who would like to join us, please extend an invite to them. (10.00am in school)
- Fri 20th Dec 2019 Christmas celebration in Church 2.00pm. Families welcome
- Mon 6th Jan 2020 Back to school
- Tues 28th Jan 2020 Y6 Stay and Pray—families welcome. 9.00am
- Wed 5th Feb 2020 Spring Term Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening 1
- Wed 12th Feb 2020 Spring Term Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening 2
- Fri 14th Feb 2020 Close for half term

Thought for the Weekend



Those who bring sunshine
into the lives of others
cannot keep it from themselves.
What can you do to bring a little
sunshine into the lives of those around you?

