



St. Mary's News

29th November 2019



Countdown to Christmas—EVENTS

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

The first event in our Countdown to Christmas - the Selection Box Bingo - takes place next Friday 6th December in the Infant Hall from 3.45pm—5.00pm. The event is **SOLD OUT** and admission is by ticket only. There will be no opportunity to pay on the door. There will also be a chocolate tombola stall; a bottle tombola and a raffle. Light refreshments will be available.

All 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. Children can be collected from the front door at 5.15pm.

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 our last 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 or 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 were sent home earlier in the week. All sold tickets, and money, can be returned to school in the envelope provided. Any unwanted/unsold tickets can also be returned to school. In order to be entered into the raffle, all tickets must be returned to school by the evening

of Mon 16th Dec at the very latest. If you need additional tickets let the office know.



Christmas Movie Night—Tuesday 17th December.

We will be holding a KS1 and KS2 Christmas Movie Night this year. The Movie Night will take place on Tuesday 17th December (Christmas Day of Fun) from 3.30pm - 5.40pm (KS1) and 3.30pm - 5.50pm (KS2) in order to allow for a staggered pick up for parents with children in both key stages. Tickets cost £5 and include a drink and a packet of crisp. The KS2 Movie will be Home Alone and the KS1 Movies will be Snowman and Snowdog followed by Merry Madagascar. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 9th December** and can be bought from the school office. Places are limited-75 KS1 tickets and 100 KS2 tickets. Children do not need to be accompanied by adults.

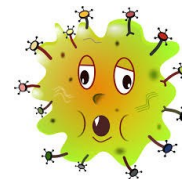
Year 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation—Thursday 12th December

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.



Sick and Diarrhoea

We are approaching the time of year when sickness and diarrhoea bugs are rife, particularly in school settings. In order to ensure that bugs don't spread, can we please stress that all children who have been absent due to sickness/diarrhoea remain off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. We have also stressed to the children the importance of hand washing after using the toilet.



Squash that



Our Rec-Y6 children are due to have their flu spray on Friday 13th December. The spray will be administered by a team of school nurses. Information leaflets and consent forms were sent out at the beginning of the academic year and should have now been returned to school.

Flu Vaccinations

Bucket Filling



Mrs Hrabowenskyj has chosen Sam from Y6 as her bucket filler this week. She said that Sam has impeccable manners. Other staff have also commented upon this too Sam, so a big well done. You are a credit to yourself and your family.

Christmas Play Ticket Information

The Junior Christmas Play takes place on Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm and 7.00pm. Tickets are needed for each performance, as numbers are limited. A letter, containing further details, was sent home earlier this week and tickets will be given out on the days detailed in the letter.

All ticket requests **must** be written in your child's diary.



Y6 children only— Wed 4th Dec maximum of 4 per family (not 4 per performance)

Y3, Y4 and Y5 children—Thurs/Fri 5th/6th Dec maximum of 2 tickets per family (not 2 per performance)

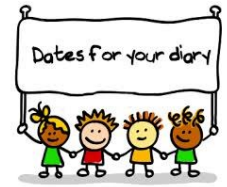
Key Stage 2 children do not need tickets as they will either be in the choir or on stage.

Requests for additional tickets can be made, but these will only be given out on Mon 9th Dec.

The KS1 Christmas Play (Year 1 and Year 2) takes place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December at 2.30pm. Please note this time may move to 2.15pm once a full run through takes place and timings are more accurate. Tickets are not needed for the KS1 play, but we ask that you only attend **one** performance in order to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to watch. Doors will only open ten minutes before each performance.

The Reception children will perform their own Christmas Play on Friday 13th Dec at 2.30pm. Again tickets are not needed for this performance and doors will open ten minutes beforehand. Unlike many schools, we do not charge for tickets, however some of our children will be shaking buckets in front of you at the end of each performance. You were very generous last year and, as always, we have many different ideas on how we can spend your kind donations.

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
Ticket information has been sent out for KS2.
- 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 Flu Spray Vaccinations—Rec to Y6
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



Your mind is your garden
Your thoughts are the seeds
You can grow flowers
OR
You can grow weeds

