



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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What's coming soon

Tues 12 th Nov	Bikeability Bike Checks
Weds 13 th Nov	Kingfishers Class Mass @ 9.00am
Weds 13 th Nov	Commissioning of Chaplaincy Teams at Clifton Cathedral
Thurs 14 th Nov	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Fri 15 th Nov	Yr5/6 Football Tournament



Don't Forget!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

Welcome back after our Autumn Term break. I hope that you all had a happy and healthy holiday. We were all really pleased to welcome the children back to school and look forward to another great term.

Parent Forum

It was good to see so many of you at our Parent Forum meetings last night. The focus of these meetings was to overview the school's journey over the last 12 months and to also outline our plans for the future. There were also some good suggestions of next steps for us to include in our plans. These included:

- Considering ways the school could share children's ongoing progress with parents at assessment points to enable parents to support their children in moving forward.
- Holding information sessions for parents on how we teach and develop English and Maths concepts.

I will be talking to staff about these suggestions and will endeavour to act on these. For those parents unable to attend our meetings, my slides are on the school website "Information" page.

In addition to this, please also see our School Evaluation pages for updates on our self-evaluation and also action plans.

Worship

This term's worship theme has changed to the value of "Love". Monday's worship introduced this value and used the picture book by Carol McCloud called "Have you filled a bucket today?"

The idea of love and sacrifice was briefly developed on Tuesday when we introduced our Poppy Appeal and on Thursday, the children heard the story of Jesus responding to the challenge of explaining why people should pay taxes to Caesar (Luke 20-26). From this last worship, Mrs McDonagh developed the children's understanding of Jesus as a thoughtful, reflective and courageous man and our challenge to live life with courage and consideration.



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In next week's worship, we will celebrate Armistice Day with a special remembrance assembly at 10:30 and will then recognise the start of Anti-Bullying Week on Tuesday with a special worship (see below).



Anti-Bullying Week

I would like to invite children to recognise the start of anti-bullying week on Tuesday by wearing odd socks to school. This is a sign that we are all the same but all different. We will also support this year's theme by challenging all children to understand what we mean by the term "bullying" and that we all have a responsibility to stand up against the bully. Parents are invited by the Anti Bullying Alliance to take up the offer of trialling the SafeToNet online app which is free for 60 days. You can find out more about how you can download it by using the promo code 'ABA2019'.

PTA and Parental Support

The PTA would welcome any additional helpers for this term's Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November. If this is something you are able to do, either in the build up to events or on the day, your support would be greatly welcomed. All funds raised at this event will be put towards replacing the school's playground equipment.

We are also holding sales of second hand school clothing to raise funds for the school library. This week we have been giving away items of good quality non St Mary's labelled clothing for self-selected donations and over the next two weeks we will be selling second hand St Mary's labelled clothing for a small fixed price.

I hope that you all have a good weekend and we look forward to welcoming you in school next week.
Paul Bacon

Bikeability

Yr6 children who are taking part in the Bikeability course during the week commencing 18th November – please remember to bring in your bike to be checked on Tuesday 12th November.

Young Voices

Please can all Young Voices choir members practice the songs at home as much as possible as we only have another 5 weeks of club before Christmas! The concert will be here before we know it

School Photographs

You should have all received the proof for your child's/children's school photographs home today. Please note that if you wish to buy any photographs, the easiest way to order is online. All details can be found on your proof. If you would prefer to pay by cash or cheque, you can of course still do so through the school office. There are some lovely photos – we hope you like them.



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PTA News

Winter Wonderland Disco – 21st November 2019

Don't forget to polish those dancing shoes ready for our Winter Wonderland disco on Thursday 21st November! Letters will be sent home on Monday and tickets will be on sale from next week.

Mufti Days

We will be having **2** x Mufti Days this term before the Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November.

Friday 22nd November – Gifts for Secret Present Room
Friday 29th November – Items for Coloured Hamper Raffle

School Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto – Saturday 30th November 4.00-6.00pm

We met on Wednesday evening and there have been lots of preparation ready for the school Christmas fair! Saturday 30th November 4-6.30pm, slightly different timing this year, we hope you can all make what will be a fantastic event.

Visit Santa in his Grotto, choose a gift in the Elves Den, join in the fun at the games and crafts stands and partake in the festive food and drinks. There is something for everyone at the St Mary's Christmas Fair!

We are still looking for more volunteers to help out, if you can help please get in touch.

As always many thanks for your support, we could not do it without you!

Your PTA Committee

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Wrens:	Zola M	For knowing the days of the week in order and for having a great attitude to learning.
Robins:	Sochi E	For super work in Literacy and Maths. Well Done!
Owls:	Caelan C-L	For brave learning behaviour
Woodpeckers:	Oscar B	For being such a super role model for good behaviour
Kingfishers:	Rebecca W-C	For your fantastic effort and enthusiasm in everything you do!
Ospreys:	Noah T	For your desire to be challenged and explore your learning further
Eagles:	George D	For improved presentation and great calculating using mathematical language
Falcons:	Nathan C	For taking such pride in your work



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