

We love

Our Mission Statement
 With Jesus as our guide we promise
 To care for one another,
 To work hard,
 To build a community in Christ's love.

We learn



NEWSLETTER 15th November 2019

ADVENT 2 (AUTUMN) TERM

Dear Families/ Carers,



It has been a very powerful anti – bullying week in school. On Odd socks day, we had a special Liturgy and were incredibly moved by the Year 5 poems about bullying. In this and in lessons we talked through lots of strategies and raised awareness of speaking out about it. We are a ‘Listening’ School and are always available to listen to the children. We will continue to build further strategies with the children through the



year.

The Remembrance Liturgy on Monday the 11th was also very moving and beautifully led by Year Three. Thank you to the parents who attended the Liturgies. Years Four and Five attended a special performance of the ‘Iron Man’ at the Loughborough Library on the 15th of November in the afternoon. Both year groups have enjoyed reading the story in year Four.

Flu immunisation

The nursing team arrived at school after lunchtime on Thursday 14th of November to administer the flu vaccine. The children were very brave and enjoyed getting their stickers. A few of the reception age children were too upset to have it administered. You will receive an email if your child refused to have the flu spray and how you can take them to have it administered.

Milk at breaktimes

Mrs Heald the school Milk Co-ordinator has noticed that there are many children who are entitled to free school milk or have it paid by parents, that are refusing to have it. Please talk to your children about drinking the milk or please let the school office know, if you wish us to cancel your child having the milk.

Children in Need: 15th November 2019

Children were allowed to wear Children in Need Merchandise with their school Uniform on Friday 15th of November. Next year, we have been advised by the diocese that this is a charity we can support and will do further activities for it.

Loughborough music

Loughborough Schools Music Competition on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd of February 2020. This event is aimed at excellent young musicians from the area who wish to demonstrate their musical skills in front of specialists. The specialists are Ivor Flint a classical tenor, composer and conductor; Gerald McCrystal a global woodwind performer; Sam Jowett a percussion performer with the BBC National orchestra of Wales; Andrew Matthews-Owen, an honorary associate of the Royal Academy of Music; Nick Hudson a world wide coach and tutor of brass instruments and Donald Grant of the Elias String quartet. Further details and applications forms can be found on the Loughborough Schools Foundation website: www.lsf.org/music-competitions and all applications must be submitted by Friday 10th January 2020. We have some very able musicians in school, so we do hope they enter.

Christmas Meal Day: 13th December 2019

On the 13th of December children can wear a Christmas jumper for a donation of £1 to save the children. On that day, the school kitchen will be serving a Christmas Dinner menu. Children can bring in Christmas crackers and party hats to have with their Christmas dinner on that day.

Parent Pay

For the beginning of the Spring Term, beginning on January 6th 2020, the school will be aiming to be Cashless using Parent Pay. There is a video clip about it on the home page of the Website. Further information will be sent out, during this term. Thank you so much for your support of putting payments of dinner, club and trip money in envelopes- it is appreciated as it gives the office time to sort the payments out.

Clubs

Before and After school clubs are continuing this half term. **Please note that due to it getting darker earlier, the outdoor clubs of football and multi-sports will now finish at 4.15p.m and not 4.30p.m.**

There are spaces in the activities, cricket, wake and shake and lego club. Please let the school office know, if you would like your child to attend. Maria Verentina runs the choir club on Wednesday lunchtimes. Please let Miss Jordan or the school office know, if you would like your child to attend. If a club has to be cancelled, you will be notified on the phone app: so please ensure your notifications are on and that the school has your latest contact details. The Fizz pop science club on Monday after school is now full.

Menphys Concert: Friday 6th of December 2019

Eighteen children from St Mary's school will be singing at the Concert.

Tickets are £9.00 available to purchase from De Montfort Hall. Tel: 0016 233 3111 or email: dmh-tickets@leicester.gov.uk. Children who said they could participate from the choir have received an individual letter about it. There are plenty more tickets on sale and the charity needs lots of support, as their Government funding has been cut this year. The charity supports many children, including children at St Mary's School. So please do come along for a wonderful display of musical talents by the Catholic Schools in Leicestershire. A coach will be leaving from Regent's Street at 5.45p.m if you would like to join us.

Parent Representative Governor Election

Thank you to everyone for returning your ballot papers and of course to the two parents who put themselves forward for the role. It was a very close run result. Mrs Hanus- Wade has been elected and will begin attending the Governor meetings at school, once appointment details are confirmed. Our grateful thanks to Mrs Coltman, who we hope will be happy to be put forward once more.

Healthy Packed Lunches: Reminder: Treat day is only in Friday. The school food service works very hard to ensure the school dinners are nutritionally balanced, we ask that packed lunches reflect this too and include a balance with fruit, vegetables or yoghurt. It should not all be carbohydrates, or include large packets of crisps, chocolate bars and sweets, unless included as a treat on Fridays. Thank you to all parents who ensure this happens.

Admissions: Foundation Class 2020

If you require a place in the foundation Class for your child for September 2020 at St Mary's, please collect an admissions form from the school office and also apply online. Admissions details are on the website. This must be completed by January. More parents are looking around the school, next Wednesday at 9.30a.m. Please do join them, if you would like to know more about the Foundation Class for 2020.



Christmas Crafts

For parents or carers and their children. A fantastic opportunity to have creative time with your child.

- Use a range of crafts to support your child's learning
- Make new friends
- Spend quality time with your child



WHERE: St Mary's Primary in the studio.

WHEN: Thursday 5th and 12th December, 2 - 4pm (Children join after school)

Ring Pauline on 07944055723/01163055636 for more information or to book a place or please let the school office know.

Fun Games and Activities afternoon with your children

26th November 2019 2-4.30p.m St Mary's School Hall : Come along and play some fun games with your child in the hall. Refreshments will be available.

Children's Absence from school due to sickness

A reminder that you **must ring in each day your child is absent from school** due to sickness, in the morning. It saves our office staff time, in having to follow up with phone calls and ensures we do not put it as an unauthorised absence. Holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Any child's attendance that falls below 95% at any point of the year, will be followed up by the school's welfare and attendance officer Mrs Rene and Miss Jordan. When you call the school office, there is the facility to report an absence. Thank you.



Uniform:

[Thank you for your support on our school uniform policy and for wearing the Winter Uniform.](#)

All children need to be in the winter Uniform now to the Easter holidays, unless they have a medical requirement not to wear it and this has been discussed with the staff. Please do talk Miss Jordan or the office staff for further clarification if needed. **Children must wear their school ties – if they have lost it – please talk to the school staff. A letter will be sent out to parents on the day-explaining which part of the School uniform rules have not been adhered to and need rectifying within the next the couple of days.**

PE Kits/ PE lessons

Children must have PE kits to be able to participate in PE lessons. If they do not have their kit and we cannot contact anyone to bring it in, children will have to join another class for that lesson. Children must have written permission from a parent stating that they cannot take part in a PE lesson. If a child misses a

Friday 22nd of November: Years Four and Five will be continuing their special sessions about money, related to spending and saving and money habits, from an organisation called MyBNk, starting that day. They will have a further session. Unfortunately, due to Nicky Morgan MP standing down as the Loughborough MP, she is unable to visit the school to observe the lessons, but we are very grateful for the time she spent with the children who were on the Parliament Trip.



Administering Medication in school

If your child needs to have medicine administered by school staff during the school day, the medication request form must be completed first. These are available from the school office. We can only administer medicine, if it is prescribed by the health professional and it is accompanied by the professional note or this is clearly stated on the medicine. For the safety of all children please do not send the medicine in with the child. It must be given to the school office with the medication, where it will be locked in our first aid cupboard in the first aid room. Thank you for your support.

Dates for Your Diary

At St Mary's we are always trying to improve our communication with you. Families requested last term, that they would like more advance notice of events, which we will endeavour to do. With the term dates, as an Academy we have kept to the Leicestershire term dates for 2019-20, after consultation with parents last year. 2020-21 dates are on the website and we will also be placing the 2021- 22 dates shortly.

22 nd Nov	Youth fun day: Non-uniform day £1 donation
3 rd December	10.15a.m: School at the pantomime in Loughborough Town Hall 3.15p.m: FOSM Christmas Fair school hall
11 th December	9.30a.m: EYFS nativity performance to parents
13 th December	Save the children Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner day
Monday 16 th Dec	Ks1 Nativity Performance 2p.m
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Ks1 Nativity Performance 9.30a.m
Thursday 19 th Dec	6p.m at St Mary's church: KS2 Carols by candlelight
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term School finishes at 1.30p.m
Christmas Holidays 2 weeks	Monday 23 rd Dec - Monday 6 th January: Mon 6 th Inset day: staff training School Reopens Tuesday 7 th January 2020

Thank you in advance for working with us to ensure the best for your child. I'd like to set up a regular parent's forum this year, so please do let me know when you think would be a good time to run this and if you would like to be involved with setting up our policies and the school curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

Miss P Jordan Headteacher