



'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'

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COMPASSION COMMUNITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Christmas at St Mary's

Dear Parents,

Christmas must be fast approaching as our tree is now standing proudly in the hall- our younger children are particularly excited and keep taking me over to see it! They are very curious about the wrapped up gifts.

It is genuinely a real pleasure being with your children every day and we feel privileged to be able to work with such enthusiastic, polite and hard-working young people. We respect that your child may want to give their teacher something to show their appreciation at Christmas however, we also want you to know that we don't expect anything at all. A picture that your child has drawn is always very special.

If you would like to give a gift then we were wondering if you would consider giving a story or poetry book to the class to add to our growing collection- this would be very much appreciated and would be enjoyed by all the children (and staff!) We have lists of books that we are collecting if you need any ideas- just ask the office. Books are expensive so we thought the book could be a gift from the class.

Reverse advent calendar

We all feel very lucky and privileged at St Mary's and would like to be able to reach out and help those who are not so lucky this Christmas.

We are therefore asking our families, if you are able to do so, to send their child in with one of the following items in the run up to the end of term. These can be placed in the class boxes on any day:

A small toy, small game or book for a child of 5 years and under

Some toiletries or Christmas food that can be enjoyed by the child's mother (no alcohol please!)

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd December
– Christmas Gala
Concert – Clifton
Cathedral @ 7.30pm -
Priory

Friday 6th December –
Swimming Gala @
Hutton Moor – School
Team

**Tuesday 10th
December** – Nativity
Performance for
Portbury Senior Citizens
@ 1.30 pm

**Thursday 12th
December** - EY/KS1
Christmas Performance
for our families 9.30am

Friday 13th December -
EY/KS1 Christmas
Performance for our
families 1.30pm

**Tuesday 17th
December** – Priory
Class Victorian
Christmas

**Wednesday 18th
December** – School
Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 18th
December** – Carol
Service at St Mary's
Church – 7 pm

Friday 20th December –
Christmas Fair

Friday 20th December –
END OF TERM

The charity is Bristol based 'Homestart' who befriends and helps families who need support. You can find out more on their website:

homestartbristol.org

Please do not gift wrap these items as the charity will need to sort them when they are delivered.

We completely understand if you'd prefer not to send anything in or are unable to. This is totally fine.



After School Clubs with Jack:

Monday

Multi Sports

Tuesday

Arts & Crafts

Wednesday

Basketball

Thursday

Football

Friday

Gymnastics



CAN YOU HELP
US MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?

Calling all parents, pupils, teachers and Governors: Mrs Westerwijk and I are on the hunt for people to join our 'Planet Protectors' group. We have recently had a discussion about the ways we can help the school to become more 'green' but more importantly raise awareness of the current crisis our planet is in and how much more we could all be doing to help. If you have a passion for the environment, want to help teach your children ways in which they can help protect the planet or if you just worry about the amount of plastic you throw away each day then you sound like the perfect person to join our group.

We will be holding 3 meetings a year to throw ideas around and very much want to get the pupils involved in these too. We may also do some get togethers where we can have some fun making some environmentally friendly alternatives. It is all very much in the early stages but we would love to know if this interests anyone. If you would like to put your name down then please see reception or message me on Facebook. I am under Sarah Turner.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Sarah Turner-Ferguson (Hollie's mum from Windmill class)

Book Request

Priory Class are currently reading Holes by Louis Sachar, however the books they are using are borrowed and need to be returned. If anyone has a copy of the book that they would like to donate to the class, Mrs Scott would be very grateful.