



'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'

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COMPASSION COMMUNITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Reverse Advent Calendar

Dear Parents,

Just to remind you that we would be really grateful for any small toy/book/game for a child of 5 years or under or some Christmas food/toiletries for their mother. There are boxes in each class and all donations will go to support the Bristol based charity, 'Homestart.'

These gifts need to be unwrapped. Thank you so much.

Christmas cards

We have calculated that we would be sending over 2,700 cards at St Mary's if each child sent cards to everyone in their class! As part of our work on 'Protecting our Planet' for the future generations, we would be really grateful if your child did not send individual cards this year. We will be creating giant cards in each class which every child can sign and if children really want to write a Christmas card, they could perhaps write one for the whole class. I know that children have designed wonderful Christmas cards this year which I hope they can enjoy sending to family members and friends outside of school.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service – St Mary's Church on 18/12/19 at 7pm

We would love as many children and adults to join us as possible to sing and tell the Christmas Story. Key Stage 2 will be leading this celebration.

St Mary's Carol Service – Sunday 15th December 2019

The choir will be singing at 6pm and this will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

'Bold Brass' Christmas Concert – St Mary's Church on 19/12/19 at 7.30 pm

Dates for your diary:

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 5-7.30pm

Friday 20th December – END OF TERM



PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THEIR LOVE OF READING AND SPECIFIC READING SKILLS

**The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.**
-Dr. Seuss

Your child needs to read to an adult as frequently as possible at home – we suggest a minimum of 5 times each week. Please also read to your child and enjoy a book together. Your child or an adult needs to write in the reading diary when this has happened. We are expecting every child to bring their reading diary to class **every day** so that we can make sure they are reading regularly enough.

After School Clubs with Jack:

Monday

Multi Sports

Tuesday

Arts & Crafts

Wednesday

Basketball

Thursday

Football

Friday

Gymnastics

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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)

READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

As promised, we are holding a reading workshop for parents on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 10.30-11.30 am. This will provide an overview of our approach to reading at St Mary's and also a chance to observe a guided and individual reading session in action. We will repeat this session in term 3 for those of you who are unable to make this time.