



'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'

# Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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**COMPASSION** COMMUNITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

## Compassion in action at St Mary's:

Dear Parents,

It has been remarkable talking to children as young as 4 years of age about this term's value – Compassion. The children have explained to me what this word means to them and how they can make sure they champion this important value around the school. We have also discussed how our parents, governors and staff can champion this value too. We see Compassion in action every single day and in our Collective Worship Celebration today we recognised individual acts of kindness across our school.

I hope you have been enjoying doing the talk activities around Compassion which your child's class teacher has placed on the class page of our website. Many children are talking enthusiastically about these.

Please remember that we would love you to add an incident of kindness that you have spotted on our 'Growing Kindness' display in the hall or you can always add a gem to our kindness bucket which is in our reception area.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and donation of gifts for our collection for the charity 'Homestart.' We will be taking these donations for the charity at the end of next week.

We are so proud of our children this term who have shown such courage and commitment by performing in Christmas Carol Concerts both at Clifton Cathedral and St George's Concert Hall in Bristol. On both occasions our children sang with passion and enthusiasm and worked so hard to learn a lot of words and music.

The week has ended with our last Nativity Performance to our families. How did our Key Stage One children learn so many words, songs and actions in such a short time. Thank you Key Stage One for sharing the wonderful Nativity story with us. You made a lot of people very happy!

## Dates for your diary:

**St Mary's Carol Service – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Prioory Class Victorian Christmas**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair 5-7.30pm**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – END OF TERM**



## Christmas Fair – Non Uniform Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December is the school Christmas fair. Children can wear non-school uniform in exchange for a prize for the tombola.

**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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Dear Diary,

It all started when my dad sadly passed away and we had to move to a little room. When we got there it seemed like we had a lot of furniture but then a year went by and we had to sell it, all of it. The stuff we couldn't sell we had to burn. The carts were full. They were as tall as houses.

When we got to our room, we were happy. Even though dad had died. Ma worked, then she got tired and stopped working. Then Mr Spink came – the stick man – tap tap tap. He knocked on the door with his stick. I was scared. We all were scared. The door screamed in pain as it swung open.

“Give my money!” shouted Mr Spink

“What money?” croaked Ma

“The rent money haven't paid!” screamed Mr Spink

“LEAVE!” shouted Mr Spink. We're off to the workhouse. We were walking for linke an hour until we got to somewhere that looked like a prison. Ma was a sloth. Turns out it was her old work. A bakery. We had to leave Lizzie and Emily there. We had to go to the workhouse

By Bethan

**READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS**

As promised, we are holding a reading workshop for parents on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 between 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.

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Children may wear their Christmas jumper to school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December which is also Christmas lunch day. Please remember there will be no school sandwiches or Jacket potatoes for those children who have decided not to have a Christmas lunch.