

# St Mary's Newsletter Issue 3 – 14 December 2018



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are really getting into the festive spirit, practising extremely hard for the Christmas performances. We hope you all enjoy watching them perform next week. There will be refreshments available from the PTA at the performances so please do bring some money with you. If you would like to make a charitable donation, this year we are collecting for CLIC Sargent.

**Staff News:** We said goodbye to our MDSA Mrs Young, who has left us after 14 years of loyal service and we welcome Mrs King who has now joined the MDSA team. We also say a sad farewell to TA Mrs Heath, who is emigrating to the US with her family. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Could we remind parents that during wet weather the timber trails are out of bounds before or after school as they can become very slippery. As winter sets in, could we also remind parents that children should be wearing suitable warm clothing. Please ensure coats, hats, scarves and gloves are clearly named. In the event of temperatures dropping below 0°C, the main access pathways around the school including the steps will be gritted. We request that these paths are used as the school will take no responsibility for accidents that occur due to people straying from the main pathways.

We look forward to seeing all the children when we return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January and on behalf of everyone at St Mary's we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Naomi Clarke, Head Teacher



## EXCITING NEWS.....

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 we will be welcoming our new catering company Edwards and Ward. Their new menus for January onwards will be uploaded to ParentPay on Friday 21 December 2018 and booking will continue to be the same process as before. Please ensure that meals are booked during the holidays ready for the start of next term.

We are pleased to announce that there will also be a Taster Session for parents in the main hall at 3.15pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Staff from Edwards and Ward will be available to answer any questions you might have and there will be tasty food to sample including pasta, curry, brownies and freshly baked bread.

All welcome!



## Diary Dates

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Concert at St Mary's Church – PM

This service is for children only, however, we are asking for parent volunteers to escort the children to and from the church. Please see your class teacher if you can help. Meet at school at 1pm.

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Performances

EYFS/ KS1 09:15am - KS2 10:30am

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Performances

KS2 09:15am - EYFS/KS1 10:30am

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of Term, Xmas Lunch & Class Parties

We are requesting that parents bring in 50p to enable teachers to buy food for the parties please. **Children can come to school in non- uniform, wearing party clothes if they wish.**



## Term 3

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Term Starts

**14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January** Healthy Cooking Week

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Taster Session for parents in main hall at 3.15pm with our new caterers Edwards and Ward.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – PTA Cake Sale Years 3 & 4

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Last Day of Term

## THANK YOU'S

The non- uniform day in October raised £276 and £138 has been donated to the charity MIND.

The PTA would like to thank all parents for supporting the Christmas Fayre. Special thanks to all the helpers who set up in the afternoon and those that stayed to help run stalls. A total of £797 was raised!

## Textile Bank

Thank you to those of you who have used the new textile bank in the car park. Since it has been installed it has generated £53.20 for the school. Please do continue to use it. We will be purchasing some playground equipment with the proceeds so far, so all money is going back to benefit the children in school.

## Remembrance Day

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. St Mary's raised £369.00 from the sale of poppies and the poppy related items.

## Fundraiser for JDRF

One of our Year 5 children proved that suffering with type one diabetes is no barrier to success after organising a profitable "Dress up as a Superhero" day at school, raising £420 for JDRF who fund research for type one diabetes. Isaac, who has suffered with the condition since he was four, organised a fundraiser where for a small donation the whole school were encouraged to wear super hero outfits/masks and there was a cake sale after school too. The event appeared in the Swindon Advertiser and we were thrilled with the amount raised for such a good cause.



## LOST PROPERTY

We have numerous items of lost property collected over the term. This will be on display in the last few days of school, so please do take a look and retrieve anything that belongs to you.

Please could we ask that ALL uniform is named clearly to ensure that we can return items to children quickly should they become lost.

## Important Reminders:

Please remember to settle any Breakfast Club debts on ParentPay ASAP please. As always, if you have any problems logging in, please do contact us, so we can help!

Don't forget the Year 3 swimming contributions are still being accepted on ParentPay and we would appreciate any contributions to this please.

## *Cool Milk*

All children under the age of five are entitled to free milk under the School Milk Scheme administered by Cool Milk. Those over five, can still opt to receive milk every day at a subsidised price of around £14 per term.

Please collect a form from the school office, or apply online via [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)