



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019



**TOMORROW**  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
Start of Christmas  
break

**1<sup>st</sup> WEEK BACK**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
(Teacher Training)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
All Pupils Return to  
School (Start of Spring  
Term 2020)

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Start of Term Mass at  
9:30am  
**Year 4 Start their  
Swimming Lessons**

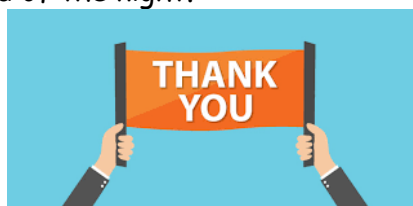


Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been an extremely busy half term with productions, carol concerts, trips, workshops, themed weeks and of course our Christmas Fair. We would like to thank our family members for all the support they have given our school, this term, by attending school events and supporting our fundraising efforts. We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and look forward to welcoming pupils back in the new year.

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everybody who attended our Christmas Fair. Our PTA worked extremely hard organising all of the stalls/attractions and it was a huge success. We would especially like to thank our PTA and all the family members who gave up their time to sell raffle tickets, set up stalls, label prizes, construct the marquee, buy stock, supervise the stalls and tidy up at the end of the night.



### **Year 4 Swimming**

Year 4 will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January (first week back). All pupils require a swimming costume, towel and hat. Please see the Yr4 letter for further details.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Our next Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. We will send home a letter, shortly after the Christmas break, inviting you to attend at a convenient time.

### **Happy Holiday**

We break up today for the Christmas holiday and would like to wish you a good break. All pupils are due to return to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.



### Last Week's House Point Winners

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Amelia	21
2	Winifred	10
3	Emma	16
4	Tia	6
5	Darcy	12
6	Caoimhe	18

The winning house was: **St Francis with 172 points!**

### Fundraising for the School

We are arranging a clothing collection to raise funds for the school. At the moment we have very little storage space and would ask that if you have any unwanted clothing you could store them for us. We will send plastic bags in book bags but clothing can be sent in any black sack or plastic bag. We ask if these can be brought into school on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** as these will be collected first thing on Thursday.

We thank you in anticipation of receiving lots of bags of unwanted clothing, linens, shoes, bags and belts to raise money.

### Starting Primary School in September 2020

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, please make sure to apply at your local Borough's website and complete a St Mary's application form. Bring the form with originals of child's birth and baptism certificates, Certificate of Catholic Practice and proofs of address of child and parent on a Tuesday to the school office by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

### Starting Nursery September 2020 - December 2020

If your child is turning 3 years in 2020, you can apply for a nursery place by completing a St Mary's application form.

Bring the form with originals of child's birth and baptism certificates, Certificate of Catholic Practice and proofs of address of child and parent on a Tuesday to the school office by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**.

### Absence Notifications

Please remember that when your child is absent you need to notify the school on the first day of absence on the dedicated line: 01895 232 814 selecting **option 1** and then send a letter or email explaining the reason for the absence on their first day back to school.

**If a child is sick on either side of a school holiday the school may request medical evidence to show the child has been ill. This evidence may be a medical appointment card from the doctors.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Early Finish Reception - Year 6 at 1:30 p.m.
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day - School closed
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Spring term starts All pupils back to school
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Term Mass at 9:30 a.m. Year 4 Swimming
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pantomime at 2 p.m.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	UEYs hearing & vision screening
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Parents' Evening 3:40pm-6:00pm
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Rec and Y6 height and weight check
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Parents' Evening 3:40pm-6:00pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 SPEC residential
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Safer Internet Week
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term break