



St Mary's R.C. First School Newsletter – Friday 16th December, 2022



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a delight to see so many grown ups filling our school hall this week to watch the children's Nativity play 'The Donkey Seller'. I am sure you will all agree that the children were amazing, it was lovely to hear all the positive feedback from you all as you exited the performance. On Tuesday morning we held our first St. Mary's Christingle service at St. Mary's Church, the children were a credit to the school with their exemplary behaviour and singing. On Wednesday we had our Christmas dinner, well done to Mrs. Berges for a fantastic effort in cooking Christmas dinner on such an epic scale.





We also enjoyed our PTA Film Night 'The Polar Express' this week, which was a real treat before our theatre trip on Thursday to see 'The Wind in the Willows' at Queen's Hall. If that's not quite enough Christmas fun we still have our class Christmas parties next week!

Thanks again for attending our Christmas fair last Friday, in total we raised £499.50 for the PTA.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Oakes

MISSION STATEMENT VALUE WINNERS

Class			
Reception	Dani-Skye	Beauden	Hazel
Year 1	Frankie	Esmee	George
Year 2	Ruby	Oli. L	Erin
Year 3	Spike	Daniel.R	Archie
Year 4	Darcey	Charlie	Delilah



Attendance
Please remember that every day in school counts!

<u>Reception</u>	93.3%
<u>Year 1</u>	97.8%
<u>Year 2</u>	94.5%
<u>Year 3</u>	94.4%
<u>Year 4</u>	91.1%

Nativity

Your child should have come home this week with an individual photograph of them in their Nativity costume. We have added some additional Nativity photographs below for you to enjoy!



Swimming

Swimming for Y3 & Y4 will take place on Monday 19th December.

Jar of Hope

During the last week of term, we would like to create 'Jars of Hope' with children. Children will decorate an empty jar and fill it with their hopes for 2023. We would be grateful for any donations of clean jam/pasta sauce type jars. Any donations can be sent into the school office or handed to Mrs. Oakes at the school gate.

Christmas Cards-

We have a Christmas post box in school. If your child would like to send cards to their friends, please can the first name and the class of the recipient be written on the front of the envelope before posting in the post box.

Coats

Please ensure that your child attends school with a suitable warm coat to protect them against the winter weather.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

There will be no running or football club during the last week of term.

Application for First & Primary Schools: Applications for St Mary's RC First School, and other Northumberland First & Primary schools, are managed by the admissions team at Northumberland County Council. Online Admissions Portal for First and Primary school admissions will be open on the 1st of November 2022.

https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

The deadline for your child's first & Primary school place is 15th January 2023.

Carol Singing

On the last day of term-Thursday 22nd December Miss. McNamara and Mrs. Oakes will take a group of children carol singing at the local care homes. Parents of those involved will be informed prior to this event.

Dates for Diary: Just a reminder school closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.00pm on Thursday 22nd December

On the day of your child's Christmas party they need to come to school in their school uniform bringing their party outfit with them in a named bag.

Tuesday 20th December	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 21st December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 22nd December	Carol singing at care homes (select pupils only) School closes for the autumn term at 3.00pm
Friday 23rd December	School Closed