



St Mary's R.C. First School Newsletter – Thursday 22nd December, 2022



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a festive finish to the year we have had this week. The children wore their party outfits and joined in with all the fun, games and dancing during their class Christmas parties. The children of St. Mary's have been so good this term that we even had a special visit from Father Christmas who gave everyone a present! Throughout this term, the whole school community has worked together as one to ensure St Mary's school continues to live out our mission statement, 'We love, We Learn, We Live as followers of Jesus'. As such, it was a delight to end the term with our group of our KS2 carol singers who brought a large dose of Christmas cheer to the residents and staff at Carntyne Residential Care Home this afternoon. The children sang some traditional Christmas carols and also a couple of the songs from our recent Nativity performances.



The children at St Mary's are an absolute joy to teach and as a staff we would like to thank you as parents & carers for all for your continued support. We celebrated our top 'Mission Statement' and 'Attendance' award winners for this half-term with treats and games in the library this afternoon-well done everyone!



This half term we set each class the challenge of contributing to our own St. Mary's school prayer. The children made some fantastic suggestions, including wanting an acrostic prayer that incorporated the mission statement values of the school. We would like to share with you all our St. Mary's Catholic First School prayer:

St. Mary's Catholic First School Prayer



Save us lord from all our sins

Teach us to be true

May we love, learn and live

As you have taught us to

Rejoice in our hearts

Your image we impart

St. Mary's in our hearts-your loving family.

Finally, to each family, on behalf of all the staff and governors we would like to wish you all a peaceful and merry Christmas. We look forward to meeting again on Monday 9th January 2023.

Mrs. Oakes

E-Safety at Christmas

Christmas is such a wonderful time of year, excitable children and time to relax with family and friends. And of course, there are new toys to play with. With a huge increase in sales of devices it is important to ensure that you and your children are safe when playing with new kit. To help, the UK Safer Internet Centre has set out a few top tips to help keep your household safe online over the holidays:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/top-tips-for-staying-safe-online-at-christmas>

Swimming

Swimming for years 3 & 4 will commence on Monday 9th January 2023. All KS2 children to attend school wearing their P.E. kit on Monday 9th January.

Extra-Curricular Clubs


There will be no extra-curricular clubs the week commencing 9th January 2023.

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.

Mission Statement Value Award Winners:

Class				Mission Statement Winners for this half term	Top Attendance Winners
Reception	Austin	Florence	Lumen	Dexter	Olivia.W, Nathan.W, DaniSkye, Mikey.R, Hazel R Freddie R Beauden C
Year 1	Heidi	Ollie	Charlotte	Riley	Heidi J Luca D S Ashton B Phoebe B
Year 2	Skylar	Olivia	Joe	Bao Le	Parker F Erin C Ruby T Juliette T Skylar V Charlie W
Year 3	Ollie	Alfie	Archie M	Ollie	Harley V Zach N Emily M Jack H Spencer Alfie H Mason D Ollie A Spike N Calum R Ariella P
Year 4	Layton	Tommy	Lilly	James	Darcey V Sophia T Sebby R Spencer P Oliver B Callum C

Attendance Please remember that every day in school counts!		Overall Attendance for this Term
<u>Reception</u>	89.5%	93.0%
<u>Year 1</u>	89.0%	95.2%
<u>Year 2</u>	85.0%	92.5%
<u>Year 3</u>	91.2%	94.8%
<u>Year 4</u>	89.3%	85.6%



CLASS	TOP VALUE CARD WINNER	TOP BADGE WINNER
Reception	Dexter	Hazel
Y1	Riley	Miya
Y2	Bao	Charlie
Y3	Ollie	Alfie H
Y4	James	Darcey

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

Friday 23rd December	School Closed
Monday 9th January 2023	School reopens for spring term 8.45am