

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter



Statement to Live by: "I can work, play, rest and pray each day"

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Thank you to Mr Pybus, owner of Phunky Moo, a digital creative business based in Richmond who has purchased and donated 15 copies of the Caught in the Web book to help educate the young children at St Mary's about the dangers of the internet.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 8th December at 3.30pm -5.00pm.

Please continue to bring in any raffle prizes or items for the festive hampers.



Pantomime

The annual Pantomime visit to the Georgian Theatre Royal Richmond is booked for the morning of Friday 8th December.

The whole school will be going to see The Wizard of Oz. Tickets will be £7.00 as they are subsidised by The Friends of St Mary's. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to enjoy all the fun of the Pantomime with their friends. Please pay for your child's ticket through your Parentpay account.

Remembrance Collection



On Monday Mr Sands and Mr White from the Richmond Branch of the Royal British Legion presented the school with a certificate for not only being the school with the highest amount of donations in the Richmond area but also for being the highest individual collection box from the Richmond area. Thank you all for your generosity.

The total raised was £308.26

East Barnby Year 5 and Year 6

This week we welcomed back our Year 5 and Year 6 children who took part in the outdoor residential trip to East Barnby last week. We hope you enjoyed all of your activities and were able to try something new and support each other to try your best.

A HUGE thank you to my dedicated staff for leading on this trip. Leading residential trips is hard work and a huge responsibility with no switch off time.

Mental Health and Well Being Training



As a school we have been participating in Level 1 Prevention and Promotion of Mental Health and Wellbeing for children in our care at St Mary's. The BBC were asked to come along and film some of the training session and also speak to children about how the training will assist and support all children at St Mary's RC Primary School. Updates to follow on when it will be screened.

Christmas Carols

We will again be supporting the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert on 6th December at St Mary's Church at 7pm. The Choir will be singing some Christmas songs to start the festive spirit.

The choir will also be bringing festive cheer to the residents of Garget Walker House and The Terrace Nursing Home on the afternoon of Tuesday 5th December as they sing some Christmas favourites.



Infant Nativity and KS2 Advent Liturgy

The Reception and KS1 Nativity is Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December at 2.15pm. The children and staff have been working hard to learn new songs and prepare their acting abilities to present, "Born in a Barn".

KS2 Advent Liturgy "Stay Awake" will take place on Thursday 14th December at our Parish Church St Joseph and St Francis Xavier at 6pm.

Cafod

Thank you for the returned Cafod envelopes. We have a total of £115.75 to send to Cafod which will help them to continue to support those in need. Thank you!

Polar Explorer

Monday was Antarctica Day and St Mary's was privileged to be one of the schools who would have a live link to a polar explorer. Year 4 – Year 6 asked questions and found out lots of information from the Polar Explorer Penny Goodearl.

Be Spirited Week

Next week (week commencing 4th December) we will hold our Be Spirited week where we reflect on the Christmas Story through our Journey through Advent. We would like to invite parents and carers to school to join their child's class for the session.

This is a lovely spiritual way to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Please check the times below:

Reception: MONDAY 11am

Year 1: TUESDAY 11am

Year 2: MONDAY 9.30am

Year 3: TUESDAY 9.00am

Year 4: THURSDAY 9.00am

Year 5: WEDNESDAY 9.00am

Year 6: TUESDAY 2.45am

Topic Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm – 3.00pm we are inviting family and friends to come into school to participate in the topic activities that the children will be carrying out in their different classes. You are all warmly welcome.

Mission Together Boxes

The Mission Together boxes are for an Advent Penny Collection for needy children around the world. Children can collect coins during advent in the money boxes and then bring them into school in the New Year.

Your child will come home with a Mission Together Advent Calendar that include actions or reflections that the children can carry out during Advent, preparing themselves for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.



Star of the Week



24th November

- Rec:** Myles B
Y1: All of Year 1
Y2: Eve B
Y3: All of Year 3
Y4: All of Year 4
Y5: EAST BARNBY
Y6: EAST BARNBY

Awards:

STLB: Whole School

Lunchtime: Erin B

Star of the Week



1st December 2017

- Rec:** Charlotte
Y1: Abril
Y2: Ryan
Y3: Hannah L
Y4: Jackson
Y5: Sam B
Y6: Max

Awards:

STLB: Whole School

Lunchtime: Grace H

Attendance



- Rec:** 95%
Y1: 94%
Y2: 96%
Y3: 95%
Y4: 90 %
Y5: 91%
Y6: 96%

**Whole School
attendance figure for
the week 94%**

First Sunday of Advent

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent
and to give special love to those
who disagree with me.

Give me the strength and courage
to forgive those who have hurt me.

Light in me a desire to prepare for your coming
to stand in the darkness, waiting, eager and filled with joy.

Amen

