

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter



Statement to Live by: "I try to love others as I love myself"



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Carol Singing

The choir brought festive cheer to the residents of Garget Walker House and The Terrace Care Home when they visited, singing well known Christmas Carols which brought smiles upon their faces and brightened their day!

Welcome to our final news message before Christmas. It has been a long and very busy term for staff and children.

We are pleased to announce today our OFSTED inspection findings; a copy of the letter has come home with your child today and a copy can also be found on our website <http://st-marysrc-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/St-Marys-Richmond-10036455-PDF-Final.pdf>. We are delighted that OFSTED have recognised the hard work of everyone here at St Mary's.

I would like to say thank you to all the staff and children for their hard work throughout the term and indeed the support we receive from parents/carers in making a difference to so many young lives.

Thank you to all our families who continue to support the school. We thank you for your prayers, cards and gifts and wish you all a happy and holy Christmas Season.

Finally I would like to wish all the children, parents, staff and governors of the school a very Merry Christmas and also wish everyone a well deserved break. I hope you all manage to spend some time with friends and family and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8.55am.

Mrs K Whitehead

Nativity and Advent Liturgy Outstanding Performances from all the children at St Mary's RC Primary School. Well Done!



Bye Bye Mr Farrell

On behalf of all the staff, governors, children and parents we wish you well and the best of luck. You will be missed!



Elf Day and Christmas Lunch



The staff and children fully supported the Elf day on Friday raising £106.00 for the Alzheimer's Society. Thank you to all those who supported the day.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Stanley, Mrs Martin and Mrs Sartini for the extremely scrumptious Christmas Lunch.

Mayor's Concert

This year we again supported the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert on 6th December at St Mary's Church. The Choir sang beautifully and made us all very proud.



Polar Explorer

On Monday and Tuesday this week Helen Spring from STEM came to school and held workshops with Reception to Year 5 in relation to the Polar Explorer programme; Reception and Year 1 learnt the differences between Arctic and Antarctic environment and their own, they also chose the best material they thought would make a suitable tent.

Year 2 – Year 5 used data loggers to identify and compare the suitability for different materials to make sunglasses.

Spelling Bee

Last week your child came home with a list of spelling words to learn for the Spelling Bee Competition that will take place in January. The Spelling Bee heats will be held in your child's class week commencing 8th January 2018.

SEN Forum

Thank you to those who came to school and participated in the SEN forum on Monday in school lead by Miss Fautley. At St Mary's RC Primary School we value parental feedback and engagement with the provision and issues affecting SEND across the school. Therefore, we will be holding 1/2 termly parent forum meetings each term, where parents and carers can give their opinions on different topics relating to SEND. These meetings will take a variety of forms, but will always provide the opportunity to discuss issues facing parents/carers of children with SEND and provide a network of support and ways the school can continue to improve and provide the best for all children and their families. The next meeting will take place on January 30th at 2.30pm at school. You are all most welcome.

Be Spirited Week

Thank you to family and friends who attended the Journey through Advent Be Spirited week with the children. This provided the children with the opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.



Christmas Fair

The money has been counted and checked and the Christmas Fair raised a grand total of £1706.90.

Thank you to the FOSMs for their time and effort in arranging the fair. Thank you to all family and friends for their continued support.

Well done to all year groups for the fantastic efforts and sales.



Father Christmas

Father Christmas visited the children on Friday after their Christmas lunch providing all the children with a Christmas gift. Thank you to the FOSMs who made his visit possible.

Church Times

St Joseph and St Francis Xavier Church

Sun. 24 December 6.30 pm First Mass of Christmas (preceded by Carols at 6.00 pm)

Mon. 25 December 9.30 am Mass of Christmas Day
WYCLIFFE

Sun. 24 December 8.00 pm First Mass of Christmas (preceded by Carols at 7.30 pm)

NO MASS AT WYCLIFFE ON CHRISTMAS DAY



Star of the Week



15th December

Rec: All of Reception

Y1: All of Year 1

Y2: All of Year 2

Y3: All of Year 3

Y4: Linda G

Y5: Millie J

Y6: Georgia G

Awards:

STLB: Blessing K

Lunchtime: Riley MP

Star of the Week



22nd December

Rec: Chloe S

Y1: All of Year 1

Y2: Erica H

Y3: Alfie G

Y4: Alfie R

Y5: Edward P

Y6: Mathew N

Awards:

STLB: Gabriel H

Lunchtime: Gabriel H

Attendance



Rec: 90%

Y1: 98%

Y2: 87%

Y3: 93%

Y4: 87%

Y5: 90%

Y6: 96%

**Whole School
attendance figure for
the week 91.85%**

Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

May the spirit of the Christmas Season fill us with joy and peace.

Amen

