

St. Mary's Newsletter

December 2014 Issue



Work, play, pray - together

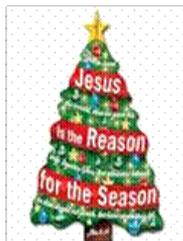
Message from the Head Teacher:

We have had a very busy autumn term and as it comes to a close our children have been spending time this Advent preparing for the great feast of Christmas.

They have been reflecting on the Jesse tree in class each day. Our Reception and KS1 children have been exploring the story of the first Christmas and they will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday, 16th December at 2:00pm.

Our KS2 children have been exploring how children around the world celebrate Christmas and they will be presenting a concert on Tuesday, 9th December at 2:00pm showcasing Christmas songs from all around the world.

Our youngest children in the Nursery have been visiting school a lot to practice their nativity; they will be presenting 'The Very Noisy Nativity'. They will be presenting it on Monday, 8th December at 10:00am and 2:00pm.



Ethos Statement for December

- *I can spend time to think quietly to understand God's way.*
- *I can try to listen to the messages God gives us at Advent.*
- *I can be a sharing person, who fills God's world with kindness.*
- *I can remember to say thank you, especially for Jesus who comes to bring us love.*

Mass in St. Mary's Church

- First Mass of Christmas - 24th December at 5:30pm
- Christmas Day - 25th December at 10:00am

Thank You for your Support!

The Shoe Box appeal was very successful; this year we collected 70 boxes and a box full of additional toys and sweets to send to needy children around the world.

Children In Need was a huge success, we raised £258.89! The school and nursery had two special visitors; Pudsey Bear and his friend Olaf collected money from each class and had photographs taken with the pupils. Staff baked cakes and money raised from the sale of them all went to Children in Need, take a look at our cakes on the school website www.stmarysrcjarrow.co.uk

An Art competition was held by Jazzy Media and Innocent Smoothie where pupils were asked to design a letter, I'm please to tell you the winner of the competition was Leon Williams in Year 2. Leon has won an art set; a month's supply of Innocent Smoothie's also a set of alphabet magnets for each child in his class - Well Done Leon.

Scholastic Book Fair held in September raised £168.00, this money will be redeemed for books from Scholastic for the school library - many thanks to all those that attended, the next fair will be in May 2015.

Poppy Appeal - thanks for all those that donated, we raised just over £100.00 and sold all of the Poppies allocated to us.

Diary Dates

December 2014

- 8th - Nursery Nativity (am =10:00am & pm = 2:00pm)
- 9th - KS2 (Yr3 - Yr6) Concert @ 2:00pm
- 10th - KS1 Party (Rec - Yr2) @ 1:30pm with Wizadora
- 11th - KS2 (Yr3 - Yr6) Party @ 1:30pm with DJ Shaz
- 16th - KS1 (Rec - Yr2) Nativity @ 2:00pm
- 18th - Carols in Church @ 6:00pm
- 19th **BREAK UP for Christmas**

January 2015

- 5th - **Return back to school**
- 16th - New Year Mass 9:30am
- 23rd - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome
- 23rd - Year 2 Liturgy @ 9:05am
- 23rd - Year 1 Assembly @2:30pm
- 30th - Year 4 Liturgy @ 9.05am
- 30th - Year 3 Assembly @ 2:30pm

February 2015

- 4th - Diocesan Youth Celebration
- 6th - Year 6 Liturgy @ 9:05am
- 6th - Year 5 Assembly @ 2:30pm
- 10th - Safer Internet Day
- 13th - Reception Liturgy @ 9:05am
- 16th - 20th **HALF TERM**
- W/C 23rd - Fair Trade Fortnight
- 27th - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome

March 2015

- 5th - World Book Day
- 13th - Red Nose Day
- 17th - Parents' Night 1 @ 3:30pm
- 18th - Parents' Night 2 @ 3:30pm
- 20th - **In-service Day - school closed to pupils**
- 27th - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome
- 27th - Whole School Liturgy @ 2:30pm all welcome
- 30th - 2nd April Holy Week Liturgy @ 2:30pm

April 2015

- 2nd - **BREAK UP for Easter Holidays**
- 20th - **Return back to school**
- 24th - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome

May 2015

- 4th - BANK HOLIDAY
- W/C 11th - 15th SAT'S Week
- 19th - Auditions for Production @ 1:30pm
- 22nd - St. Mary's Day
- 22nd - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome
- 25th - 29th **HALF TERM**

June 2015

- 1st - Return back to school
- 2nd - Sports Day at School
- 26th - Coffee Morning in school all welcome

Diary dates continued:

July 2015

- 6th - Year 6 Risk & Challenge Day 1
- 7th - SAT's results
- 10th - moving up day
- 13th - Production Wizard of Oz (2:00pm & 6:00pm)
- 16th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 16th - BREAK UP
- 17th - In-service Day

School Parties

Parents can collect their child(ren) at lunch time of Party day at 12:00 if they would like to take them home to get them ready in their party clothes. Primary children should be back at school no later than 1:30pm and Juniors by 1:00pm.

Christmas Mass

We will end our Christmas Celebrations; and this autumn term, with the celebration of mass in church on Friday 19th December at 1:30. Please come along and join our children in this final celebration of the true meaning of Christmas.

End of Term

Our term will end this year on Friday 19th December. Nursery will also close Friday, 19th December. There will be NO Wrap Around Provision on the afternoon of Friday,

19th December.

(NB School will close at the usual time of 3:30pm.)

New Year

The Spring Term begins on Monday 5th January 2015. I'm sure after the exciting holiday the children will be ready to come back to school!

THE STAFF AND I

WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU

ALL A HAPPY

AND HOLY CHRISTMAS.