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St. Mary's RC Primary School

December 2017 Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our end of term newsletter. I hope that the achievements and activities enjoyed by our fantastic children throughout this term have filled you with as much joy and pride as they have me and the staff at St Mary's. Christmas time is a time to reflect and look back at the year that has passed. We have shared so many amazing moments with our children, staff, parents and the wider community and look forward to the opportunities that await in 2018.

The school is extremely lucky to have such talented and dedicated staff and I would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Bourdieu and Miss Charles for leading the music to such a high standard at St. Mary's; our Choir has visited the residence of Needham Residential Court and attended the Jo Boyce and friends Celebration at St. Joseph's Church as well as singing carols on Edinburgh Road. They have all been extremely busy this festive season.

A convoy of buses transported our pupils to Newcastle for our children attending the Snow White Pantomime, they all had such a magical time and their behaviour throughout was exceptional. Well done to Abigail from Year 3 and Lucia from Year 1 who performed in the pantomime they were superb.

The children raised a staggering £629.38 from Christmas Market Day which they plan to enhance the arts in school and spend some on their own class environment.

Our Christmas Nativities are always very special events and I'm sure you'll agree that this year was no exception, Nursery and Reception performed their Nativity Plays which were spectacular, our children always rise to the occasion and retold such a very special story to us all, I am sure there were a few tears shed in the audience as parents and carers looked on in amazement at our youngest children taking part in these plays.

Christmas Parties were great fun this year, our children all changed in to their party clothes to join in the fun, games and dancing, followed by party food and a very special visit from Santa.

We are proud at St. Mary's to have a Nursery School on site, where we have on offer 2 year old, 3 and 4 year old and additional 15 hour places, if you would like to recommend a friend to be in with a chance to win a £40 Tesco Voucher, please call into the school office for more details. I have attached a recommend a friend slip for your convenience.

On Thursday we will announce the pupil with 100% attendance with no lateness winner. There are 47 pupils throughout school who have an excellent attendance record and could have a chance to win an Amazon Fire 7. The winner will be announced Thursday morning after School Mass.

Like every year our much awaited Selection Box Raffle will take place on Thursday, Selection Boxes have already started to arrive into school. If you would like to donate to the raffle please send your child into the school reception so they can be added to the raffle prizes.

Raffle Tickets are 50p per strip.

We have supported a number of charities:

- Children in Need, Poppy Appeal, The Key Project, Macmillan Coffee Morning, RSPCA, Shoebox Appeal and CAFOD. We are such a giving school and with the help from our supportive parent/carers we have raised a lot of money for charity.

Christmas Mass is on Thursday morning at 9.30am at St. Mary's Church - everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

First Mass of Christmas will take place in St. Mary's Church at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve and Mass of Christmas Day is at 9:00am for those that would like to attend.

There will be no Tea Wrap Around Service on Thursday, 21st December, however children can still join us for breakfast as scheduled.

We close at 3.30pm on Thursday, 21st December and will return on Monday the 8th of January 2018.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support this year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at St Mary's School.

Mrs M. Graham

Head Teacher

