

Newsletter

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Key Dates w/c 9th December:

10th December: KS1 Nativity 2pm

11th December: Riverside Cinema Yrs 1 & 2

11th December: KS2 Christmas Play 2pm

12th December: KS2 Christmas Play 9am

13th December: Emily Bray Year 2



Tweet of the Week



'The closeness to the Lord invites our heart to approach our brothers and sisters with love, to show compassion towards everyone.'

Pope Francis @pontifex

Welcome to this week's newsletter:

Please note that the children should be collected at 2.45pm on 18th December. Thank you.

Attached is the Fundraising Update letter from the PTA and Second Hand Uniform list.

After School Soup Kitchen

You are all warmly invited after school on Monday 9th December to our Soup Kitchen (in the school hall). Money raised will be going to the school's chosen charity this year: Cafod. A small entry fee of £1 will gain you access to some delicious home-made soup and bread. What better way to warm your stomachs as the days become colder? There will be an opportunity to admire Year 6's artwork- that they are very proud of.

We look forward to seeing you there.

RECEPTION 2020/21

If you are applying for a Reception place starting in September 2020, please send your application to Suffolk County Council before midnight on 15th January 2020.

We require a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be in school by 15th January 2020.

This form is important and is part of the process when the governors are considering your application to St Mary's School.

If the SIF is not in school by the deadline date, the application will be classed as 'late'.

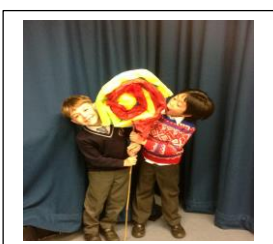
Advent Service – KS1

KS1 performed brilliantly at the Advent Service on Thursday morning. They read clearly and with feeling and the singing was beautiful. It was lovely to see so many parents present. Thank you for coming.



Drama Workshop at St Alban's

Year 3 and 4 had a great time at St Albans, taking part in a drama workshop led by some of their Year 9 Drama students. We created props, watched a performance and learned a few drama tricks from the Year 9s. Many thanks to St Albans for the opportunity!



Ipswich Museum Year 6

Year 6 had a lovely time at Ipswich Museum last Friday for a WW2 workshop. They learnt about what life was like during this time and what Ipswich was like too. The children listened well and worked well in groups to build an Anderson shelter. Well done Year 6!



Swimming – Year 5

Please note that the last swimming session will be Tuesday 10th December

Sports Clubs

The last sessions for all clubs this term (apart from Netball which finished on 3rd) will be during the week of 9th - 13th December.

Orchestra

No Orchestra on Tuesdays after school for rest of this term.

St Mary's Marketplace club and Computer Club

Last session is on 12th December

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along and purchased books from the book fair. We sold over £400 worth which has earned the school approximately £170 in new books for the library. Very many thanks.

Maisie Milk bottles

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Maisie Milk bottle collection in the classrooms this term. They have now been opened, counted and the total to send to Action for Churches in Need (ACN) is just under £40. At this festive time of the year that amount will go towards helping those in need to keep warm and fed. Thank you again, God bless. Miss Mudd and the Fundraising Committee

Safeguarding your children/Parking:

May I remind you not to park on the pavement in front of the pedestrian entrance to the school or, indeed, opposite the entrance outside the private garage.

This ongoing issue is a danger to your children's safety which is of paramount importance to us.

Please help us to ensure everyone's safety by parking in the designated spaces in the school and church car parks. Thank you. Mrs Jo Berry (Head of School)

Important : Snacks and Allergies

May we remind parents that due to a child being severely allergic, please **do not give your child Nutella/chocolate spread sandwiches or any nut items to bring into school**. Thank you. Also, if you are supplying your child with a morning snack item, please ensure that it is **fruit only**. Sweets are not allowed in school (and not in packed lunches please).

Dates for your Diary

- 10th Dec: KS1 Nativity 2pm
11th Dec: Yrs 1 & 2 to Riverside Theatre (morning)
11th Dec: KS2 Play 2pm
12th Dec: KS2 Play 9am
17th Dec: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
18th Dec: Christmas Ensemble - 1.45pm in Church
18th Dec: Last day of Autumn Term – **pick up at 2.45pm please**

Spring Term 2020

- 6th Jan: First day back to school
14th Jan: Beginning of Term Mass – Church at 2.30pm
16th Jan: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
23rd Jan: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
30th Jan: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
31st Jan: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm

4th Feb: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
7th Feb: Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

17th–21st Feb: HALF TERM

27th Feb: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
28th Feb: Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm

5th Mar: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
6th Mar: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm
12th Mar: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
13th Mar: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
17th Mar: Parents evening 3.30-6pm
19th Mar: Parents evening 4.30-7pm
26th Mar: KS1 Lenten Service 9am (Parents welcome)
31st Mar: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am

3rd Apr: Easter Liturgy – Church 1.30pm (Parents welcome)
3rd Apr: Last day of term. **School ends at 2.45pm**

Term dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Wednesday 18th December 2019

Half Term: 21st – 25th October 2019

Staff Training Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term 17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Friday 8th May – Bank holiday (school open as usual Monday 4th May)

Half Term 25th - 29th May 2020