

# Newsletter

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## Key Dates w/c 25<sup>th</sup> November:

26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am

27<sup>th</sup> Nov: Christmas Fair/Church Hall  
2.30 – 5pm

29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 6 to Ipswich Museum



## Tweet of the Week



*"God has entrusted us with His greatest gifts: our life, the lives of others, and so many different gifts for each person. He invites us to make these talents bear fruit with audacity and creativity"*

Pope Francis @pontifex

## Welcome to this week's newsletter

### 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)

**Friends of St Mary's PTA Christmas Fair** will be held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** 2:30pm until 5pm. Stalls will include toy, chocolate and bottle tombolas, teas, coffees and refreshments, book and gift stalls, home baked cakes, adopt a teddy, festive games and our grand raffle and hamper draws.

Year 1-6 children will be brought over to the fair in their class groups in the afternoon. **Please make sure they have spending money in a named purse or envelope**, and a carrier bag to keep their belongings together. Reception class will not be brought over in school time as it is quite overwhelming for them, but we'd love for you to bring them along after school.

**Volunteers** - we are very short of these, so if you were considering it then please do your best to help. Unless we have more people to help, we will be limited in the stalls we can offer. If you are able to spare an hour to volunteer, any time between 12:30 and 6pm, please let your class rep know, or contact Marge Jessop on 07739 011619. We'd really appreciate it.

**Raffle and hamper tickets** – one set per family went out to the children in their book bags last week, along with the letter that is attached to this newsletter. Some parents have advised they haven't received theirs – if you haven't got some but want them then please see Marge Jessop in the playground. Tickets will be on sale at

pickup time every day until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Card payments can also be made at that time for your convenience.

**Cake plates and cellophane bags** have been sent home. The cellophane bags are starting to be filled and brought in, they are looking fantastic! On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and the morning of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> we will keep a trolley in the office to receive contributions of cakes and baked goods, please don't worry if you don't have time to bake, bought cakes/mince pies are equally appreciated.

**We are still accepting donations** of good condition toys for the toy tombola, soft toys for the adopt a teddy stall, gift sets, smellies, raffle prizes and boxed toys – all would be very gratefully received. Last day for donations is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Santa visit - Christmas dinner day (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December) will also be festive jumper and Santa visit day.**

This includes all classes - Reception to Y6. On the day, children can wear festive coloured/ themed tops / jumpers on top of their school uniform. They can also wear festive headbands or tinsel in their hair if they wish.

Santa will be paying the children a visit in the afternoon. St Mary's are working with Santa to reduce single use plastics, so this year he has asked each class for a 'wish list' of stationery and games they would enjoy for use on rainy day playtimes. He will deliver a selection to each class, as well as bringing a small token gift and chocolate for each child. We will also take a photo of each class with Santa.

**The cost per child is £2** – this covers the jumper day, a class photo with Santa (prints will be sent home a few days after the visit), a small token gift, and chocolate. The class gifts have been bought by the FOSM PTA and any extra money raised will go towards our fundraising.

Please send payment in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name, school year, and 'Santa visit' to the school office.

**Christmas Fair Raffle**

**Please return ticket stubs in a named sealed envelope by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.** Thank you for your support, as always.

Please note that we cannot take cash into the office without envelopes. If you are dropping ticket stubs/cash to the office **please use an envelope, named and sealed.** Many thanks.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

We require a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be in school by 15<sup>th</sup> 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'.

**MESSY MESSIAH**

**Radio Suffolk** came to record Year 6 singing in preparation for Messy Messiah. Eli and Milena were interviewed by their presenter. Their answers were very eloquent and completely unscripted. Well done all. Can't wait for the big day!

This will be aired on Radio Suffolk Breakfast show on Sunday 1st December.

**Ipswich 102** came into school on Wednesday to record Years 3 5 and 6 singing 'On the first day of Christmas'

Aiden was very impressed with their singing and we only had to do two takes. He also recorded the children saying 'Merry Christmas'.

This will be broadcast during December on Ipswich 102.

## **Viking DT Project – Year 5**

Year 5 are in need of empty cereal boxes for an upcoming Viking D.T. project.

If you have any that you can spare, please can you send these in with your child by Monday 25th November. Many thanks, Miss Godbold

## **YEAR 5 - WEST STOW ANGO-SAXON VILLAGE**

Year 5 had a great time at west stow!  
We looked at artefacts in the museum and had chance to explore the village to see what life was like in Anglo-Saxon times. The children were very inquisitive and asked some great questions.  
Well done year 5! Miss Godbold

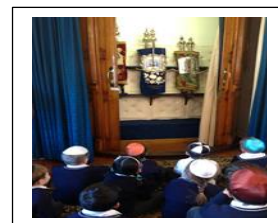


## **Year 3 & 4 Colchester Synagogue**

Y4 have been very busy this week with a trip to Colchester Synagogue (Monday) and to BT (Wednesday) and Year 3 also went to Colchester Synagogue (Tuesday).

Linda and Lee welcomed us to their synagogue and told us all about their faith. It was extremely interesting and we even saw a Torah which was over 200 years old!

Jenny McGhee Wallace & Adam Cook



## **Year 4 BT trip**

On Wednesday, we spent the day at B.T. and learned all about Computational Thinking.

Jenny McGhee Wallace



## **School Games Boys Futsal – 21<sup>st</sup> November:**

The boys started with a 3-1 win over Dale Hall, followed by a close 3-2 win over Britannia. In our third game we came up against Ipswich High and won 3-1 putting us in a great position going into the last group game. In that final game the boys drew 1-1 with Bealings, making both teams finish on the same points and goal difference but we reached the final on goals scored! In the final we came up against Colneis and put in a worth final display, the boys produced the best performance of the day to run out 4-0 winners and win the tournament. On to the County Finals!!



Joe Hurd

### **Maisie Milk Collection Bottles**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to the Maisie Milk collection bottles. We are going to bring this scheme to a close at the end of the month, so our donations can be sent off and start working to help people before Christmas. If you have any last bits of change to donate, please bring it in by Friday 29th November. Thank you for your generosity. Miss Mudd and the Fundraising Committee



### **Reception Nativity – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December**

The Nativity tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag next week (Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>). Please feel free to swap tickets with other parents. Thank you.

### **KS1 Christmas Celebration – 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Tickets will be sent home with your child on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **KS2 Christmas Celebration – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Tickets will be sent home with your child on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please feel free to swap with other parents. Thank you.

### **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).

### **Ipswich County Music School - Open Morning – 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Details below from County Music Services:

“Children, young people and their families are invited to join the Music Service for a free Open Morning on Saturday 30 November at Northgate Arts Centre, Ipswich.

From 9.30am to 12 noon, pop in to find out about our fantastic opportunities, meet our friendly tutor team and hear our ensembles perform!

No booking required, just turn up! For more information please visit [www.suffolkmusichub.co.uk](http://www.suffolkmusichub.co.uk)”

### **FORTHCOMING TRIPS:**

Year 6: Ipswich Museum – 29<sup>th</sup> November

Year 3 & 4: St Alban's/Drama Workshop – 5<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1 & 2: Riverside Cinema – 11<sup>th</sup> December

## Dates for you Diary

26 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Christmas Fair/Church Hall (2.30-5pm)
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Year 6 Ipswich Museum
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec:	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec:	Reception Nativity 2.15pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Years 3 & 4 to St Alban's for Drama Workshop (morning)
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	KS1 Advent Service 9am in school hall
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Reception Nativity 2.15pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Year 6 Messy Messiah at St John's: afternoon rehearsal & evening performance
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	KS1 Nativity 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Yrs 1 & 2 to Riverside Theatre (morning)
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	KS2 Play 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	KS2 Play 9am
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Christmas Ensemble
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Last day of Autumn Term

### **Term dates for 2019/20**

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Half Term:** 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Staff Training Days:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

#### **Spring Term 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

#### **Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday (school open as usual Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May)

Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020