

# Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

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## Key Dates w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> December:

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Reception Nativity 2.15pm

6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Reception Nativity 2.15pm

5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Lunch

5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Years 3 & 4 Drama Workshop

5<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS1 Advent Service 9am/School Hall

7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 6 Messy Messiah



## Tweet of the Week



*"The secret to a happy heart is the security we find when we are anchored, rooted in Jesus: in his life, in his words, in his death and resurrection"*

*Pope Francis@pontifex*

**Welcome to this week's newsletter:**

**Please note that school closes at 2.45pm on the last day of term (18<sup>th</sup> December).**

**From the PTA:  
Christmas Fair**



Our Christmas fair (kindly sponsored by 'Francesco's hair salon') took place on Wednesday. Huge thanks to everyone who helped, both on the day and behind the scenes. You are all amazing. Equally huge thanks to everyone for all your generous donations, for buying raffle and hamper tickets, and for attending and supporting the fair.

It was a great success. The totals are being counted and will be announced as soon as possible, alongside an exciting update about the progress of the outdoor project and how your fundraising is benefitting the school.

We would love to hear what you and your children thought of the fair, including favourite stalls and any suggestions for improvements, both in the build up to the fair and on the day. This will help us do an even better job next year! Please pass any feedback to your class rep.

Last but not least, remember that Santa will be visiting the school on Thursday 5th (Christmas dinner day). He will be bringing some class gifts for rainy day play as well as a small token gift and chocolate for each child.

**Please send your child's £2 (for the visit and photo) into the office, in a named sealed envelope, by Thursday 5th December. If your child has allergies please can you let Marge Jessop know via your class rep and we'll make sure they are catered for.**

Many thanks from the FOSM PTA team

### **Photographs**

**If you ordered photos by sending your order to the school office**, they have been sent out with your child today. If you haven't received your order please contact Tempest on: 01736 751555

**If you ordered online**, the photos should be delivered end of next week/beginning of the next. Thank you.

### **Orchestra**

Please note that the last orchestra session will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### **Netball**

Please note that the last session will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### **Swimming – Year 5**

Please note that the last swimming session will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

### **Sports Clubs – Autumn term**

The last sessions for all sports clubs this term (apart from Netball – see above) will be during the week of 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Netball club**

If your child would like to continue with Netball club next term you do not need to reapply. However, if your child would not like to continue please inform the school office by writing a note or emailing by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Many thanks.

### **Sports Clubs – Spring Term**

Football Club (Yrs 4,5,6) - Wednesday 3.15pm

Handball/Dodgeball (Yrs 4,5,6) - Friday 8am

Lunchtime Football Club (Yrs 4,5,6) - Friday 12.10pm

Hockey/Cricket Club (cricket usually starts after half term) - Friday 3.15pm

There are some places available on the above clubs. If your child is interested in taking part **please reply by Wednesday** of next week. Any spare places on the Hockey/Cricket club and Handball/Dodgeball club will be offered to Year 3.

### **School Games Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival:**

A great afternoon of tag rugby for our Year 4 team, playing 5 matches, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 2, but most importantly great fun had by all. The boys and girls showed great teamwork scoring some amazing tries! Well done to all who took part.



## IPSSA Boys Small Schools Football League: St Pancras 1-9 St Mary's.

An emphatic win for the boys and a true show of slick attacking football to pick up another 3 points in the league.

Well done boys, great result.



### Emily Bray – Year 2

Just to confirm that Year 2 will be going to Emily Bray to spread Christmas cheer on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and not the 14<sup>th</sup> as specified on the parentmail.

### 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'.

### 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.

### 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**.

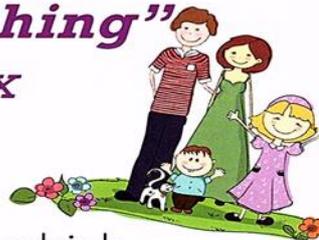
Sweets are not allowed in school (and not in packed lunches please).



**MILY FIRST**  
rting families through change

***“Family is not an important thing, it is everything”***

***Michael J. Fox***



We all recognize that family life can be challenging. Family First is a Christian Charity which seeks to increase parents and carers confidence, social support networks and mental wellbeing.

We offer family mentoring from a trained volunteer who will meet with you for an hour a week to support and encourage you. You can be referred by a professional or make a self-referral.

*“I found parentalk really beneficial and I've learnt a lot”*

We offer parenting discussion courses for primary and teenage years. They run for 6 weeks and require no homework or writing.

*“Having a listening ear and support helped us make positive changes with our son”*

We offer free volunteer training for those who would like to become mentors. The most valuable experience you can have is being a parent or carer yourself.

All our services are free. Find out more and to make a referral for family mentoring or parenting courses visit [www.familyfirst-uk.org](http://www.familyfirst-uk.org)

For an informal discussion about our service contact us at Family First, The Orwell Centre, 114 Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AF Contact us on **07936 008199** or [sarah.stapleton@familyfirst-uk.org](mailto:sarah.stapleton@familyfirst-uk.org)  
Registered charity number 1166175



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## Dates for your Diary

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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
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Year 2 to Emily Bray/Christmas Carols
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Christmas Ensemble - 1.45pm in Church
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Last day of Autumn Term – <b>pick up at 2.45pm please</b>

## 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