



# St Mary's Catholic School

Growing together in knowledge, faith and love

8th December 2017

## Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ Christmas dates
- ♦ Attendance



Dear All

What an exciting half term we are having. I am looking forward to all of the Christmas performances next week and have had a sneak preview at some of the practices, which are looking really good.

Thank you for your questionnaire responses, a feedback letter went out on Wednesday, please let the office know if you have not received this and please do come and see me if you have any further concerns that you don't feel have been addressed.

Now that the cold weather is upon us, please could you make sure your children are coming to school with a coat and a school jumper or cardigan. Lots of children are coming to school in home jumpers and hoodies. The school uniform is a green jumper or cardigan which can be bought from the school office if you are unable to find them elsewhere.

A growing concern for many of our parents, myself included, is the technological world we find ourselves in and the many challenges that places on us as parents. As part of our computing curriculum we teach the children about staying safe on the internet however, there have been an increasing number of parents contacting me about children discussing playing 16/18 age restricted games on playstation/ xbox and joining social media sites. Social media services like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and Snapchat require account holders to be at least 13 years-old with parental permission and are therefore not appropriate for children who are primary age. Whilst the school cannot insist that your child does not play games inappropriate for their age or join social media sites we would stress that the school cannot be responsible for what your child sees outside of school. However we will work with you to ensure our children are aware of the potential risks when on social media and when playing games outside of their age recommendation. Please ensure you have suitable privacy settings set on your computer and if you need any information about internet safety, please visit our school website where there is a page about online safety under our Safeguarding section.

Swimming lessons next week will still be happening at the same time as normal and will then restart in the new year, the week beginning 8th January.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Best wishes  
Demelza Bolton  
Headteacher

## Star of the Week

### Week 1

- ★ Reception: Kirby
- ★ Class 1: Poppy
- ★ Class 2: Layla
- ★ Class 3: Evie
- ★ Class 4: Harriett
- ★ Class 5: Brianna
- ★ Class 6: James

### Week 2

- ★ EYFS: Nadia
- ★ Class 1: Oliver C.
- ★ Class 2: Amelia
- ★ Class 3: Kitto
- ★ Class 4: Neve
- ★ Class 5: Iona
- ★ Class 6: Kenver

## Nativities and Carol Services



The final School Mass for 2017 will be in school on Tuesday 19th Dec at 9.30am. All are most welcome to attend.

- Nursery and Reception Christmas play: Wednesday 13th December at 10am
- KS1 Christmas Play: Thursday 14th December at 2pm and Friday 15th at 9.30am
- Years 3 and 4 Carols around the Tree on Monday 18th December at 2.30pm
- Years 5 and 6 Carol Service in Church: Thursday 14th December at 6pm



“Let us make room in our heart and in our day for Jesus. Each family find room, as Mary and Joseph did, to welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him, guard him and grow with him, and in this way improve the world”. Happy Christmas. Fr Philip

**Christmas Vigil Mass** 5 p.m. in Penzance & 6.30 p.m. in Hayle

**The Midnight Mass**, preceded by carols from 11.20 on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Mass begins at Midnight

**Mass of the Dawn** 9 a.m. in St Ives:

**Mass of the Day** 11 a.m. in Penzance

**Reception** had their first balanceability session on Tuesday and are looking forward to the next one next week.



On Monday, Years 3 and 4 went to St Mary's Haven to sing to it's residents. The children sang beautifully and finished with singing 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' in Cornish.



### Polite Reminder

For the safety of all children coming to school in the mornings, please do not park on the roundabout outside school.

### Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 13th December. Please could you return the slip if you would like your child to have Christmas lunch on this day. This will also be a non uniform day and children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers.

### Year 3- SAMBA

On Tuesday 12th December, Year 3 will be showing off their Samba drumming in the playground in the morning! Could Year 3 children be in school for 8:30 am please. Thank you.

Year 3 had a lovely afternoon planting bulbs in our sensory garden followed by a hot chocolate to warm up!



Year 5's were teaching our younger children games in their Playground Leaders training.



## Class Attendance

Each week classes have the opportunity to win two attendance prizes. One for the best attendance and one most punctual class with the least number of recorded lates. We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving late to school. Please could you make sure your child is in school for the close of the register at 9am.

### w/ending 1st December 2017

1st place Y2 with 97.9%, 2nd place Y4& Y5 with 91.1% and 3rd place Y3 with 89.4%

## Dates for your Diary



### Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 13th December 10am	Rec. & Nursery	Christmas Play
Thursday 14th December 2pm	KS1	Christmas Play
Friday 15th December 9.30am	KS1	Christmas Play
Thursday 14th December 6pm	Y5 & Y6	Carol Service in Church
Monday 18th December 2.30pm	Y3 & Y4	Carols around the Tree
Tuesday 19th December 9.30am	All	School Mass
Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January		Christmas Break

### Spring Term 2017

Thursday 4th January	All	Return for Spring Term
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		Half term holiday
Monday 19th February	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 20th February	All	Return for second half Spring Term
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April		Easter Break

### Summer Term 2017

Monday 16th April	All	Return for Summer Term
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June		Half term holiday
Monday 4th June	All	Return for second half Summer Term
Monday 23rd July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 24th July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Wednesday 25th July	All	Break up for the Summer Holidays