

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 11th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we were delighted to invite parents into school to hear about our reading curriculum at St Mary's. We are so proud of the curriculum we have in place for reading and are proud to share this with other schools across Barnsley too. Thank you to the parents that attended, and we hope you found this useful. Also, a huge thank you to Ms Steele for her leadership of this area- we have an immersive culture of reading that we are truly proud of. Today, we have seen Year Five and Year Six attend the Remembrance Service at the Town Hall; exemplary behaviour from all pupils meant we received many compliments too. This afternoon, we also have some pupils in Year 3 and 4 taking part in a cross-country event- thank you to Ms Saynor for your organisation of this. I cannot wait to hear how the event has gone when they return to school. On Thursday, we were also delighted to welcome Mr Ormondroyd into school to start practising songs for Christmas production. Mr Ormondroyd is the music lead at West Meadows- one of our Trust schools. He will be working with years 5, 4 and 3 weekly as they start rehearsals for the Christmas production.

Anti-Bullying Week

It is Anti-Bullying Week next week (14th November – 18th November). The theme this year is 'Reach Out'. We will be having odd socks day on Monday children can take part if they wish. It is uniform as usual with odd socks. Pupils will take part in different activities through the week.

We also have something brand new this year. We are taking part in the Nationwide/Diana Award campaign 'Positive Post-box'. We have now received a Positive Post Box in school.



The idea is for classes to write positive letters/ draw positive pictures and post them in our own Positive Post Box! These letters are then going to be collected and shared with a partner school in the UK. We hopefully will receive letters back from another school. The overall aim is for children across the UK to 'reach out' with positivity and kindness.

Roof repairs

The roofers have been wonderful in ensuring that there has been very limited disruption to our use of the hall. We have had full use of the hall through all lunchtimes and very limited PE sessions effected by the roof repairs. No classes should be affected by the roof repairs next week. We do ask that children are supervised on a morning and at collection by parents/ carers around the scaffolding and staff cars.

Also, please do not drive down the school drive- this can block access to school and access for emergency vehicles.

Rudolf Run

RUN, RUN WITH RUDOLPH THIS CHRISTMAS!



RUDOLPH RUN

This year we are supporting Barnsley Hospice by taking part in the Rudolf Run again. This is a charity very close to many members of staff's hearts and to many members of our school community. Any money raised will be shared between Barnsley Hospice and school. Completed sponsorship forms should be returned to school on or before 9th December. Children will all receive a red nose and antlers to keep and complete the run in. The day of the event is the 1st December, it's Christmas jumpers for this day too. We hope this will be a memorable event for children and help get them into the Christmas spirit.

Parents evening

We want to see all parents/carers for a parent/carer consultation in school to share your child's journey into their new class. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you still need to book a place. We will host meetings in the hall.

Children in Need- (pennies for Pudsey)

Children are welcome to dress down in school (18th November)- they can wear spots, Pudsey clothing or just dress down clothing as we raise money for a great cause. We will create a giant Pudsey bear in the hall- our aim is to fill Pudsey with loose change. Children can bring in any donations they wish, and all classes will get the opportunity to put any donations on our school bear.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

These are available to purchase at <https://www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk/Primary-Schools/St-Marys-BARNSLEY-CE-Primary-School/>

Christmas Dinner Day and Party

Please can letters be returned to School with meal preferences. If letters are not returned, a packed lunch will have to be provided on those days – as food is pre-ordered.

Free School Meals

To find out more information on free school meals, the qualifying criteria and how to apply, please visit www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals or call 01226 787787

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Odd socks Day 9th November

Fire safety Talk Year 3 Wednesday 16th

Parents Evening 16th November

Children In Need 18th November (dress-down day in school children can bring pennies/ change to cover our giant Pudsey bear picture)

Year 5 Library visit Thursday 24th

Advent Mass in school, Tuesday 29th (children only)

December

Christmas Dinner day, Thursday 1st (children can wear Christmas jumpers over their uniform if they wish) and;

Rudolph Run 1st (children can wear Christmas jumpers over their uniform if they wish)

Rocksteady concert 10am Tuesday 6th (for children's parents/carers/grandparents taking part in rocksteady music sessions)

Christingle service at St Paul's whole school Thursday 8th (children only)

Afternoon concerts for KS1 and KS2 13th (Details to follow)

Christmas Party Day, Wednesday 14th

Evening concerts for KS1 and KS2, Wednesday 14th (Details to follow)

Year 6 library visit Thursday 15th (morning)

Carols around the tree 2:15pm, Thursday 15th (parents/carers welcome)

Reception and Year 6 Nativity at St Mary's church 10:00am (families of children in these classes are welcome to attend) Friday 16th

Last day of school Friday 16th December 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

L. Spencer
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