

# St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for taking part in Children in Need today. Children have loved taking part in filling the giant Pudsey. Please see Twitter for photos! Thank you so much to those of you that were able to attend parents/carers evenings this week, and those that also met with teachers at differing times. If you were unable to attend or make an appointment, please speak to your child/rens teacher and they will plan to speak with you at another time. Thank you for all the positive message we received too- you really are a wonderful community.

### Additional Bank Holiday

As most of you will be aware, the government have added an additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. This was due to be the day that Yr6 SATs were to begin. At present we do not know what the new arrangements will be. The tests take place over 4 days, so the assumption is that the children will begin their assessments on the Tuesday to finish on the Friday, however this has not yet been confirmed. As soon as it is confirmed, I will pass that information onto you. I appreciate the additional bank holiday may tempt people to go away, but please can I ask that you ensure all Yr6 pupils are available to attend school that week, as this is the only time that they can take the tests and for their results to be official. We will share this information when the Standards and Testing agency notify us.

### World Cup

On Monday, we will allow children who would like to, have the opportunity to watch the England match in the afternoon. Classes will put the match on in classrooms and children will do activities in class too linked to the world cup. Children can wear football kits or colours to support their national team.

### Packed Lunches & Water Bottles

We have seen an increase of sweets coming into school via children's packed lunches. Can we please remind all parents/carers that in school we promote a healthy diet as part of children's health education, and therefore sweets/chocolate bars and fizzy drinks are not to be included in their packed lunch.

Can we also remind you that only water should be coming into school in your child/rens water bottles, not juice or fizzy drinks.

### 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.

### ParentPay

For any parents that do not have ParentPay. It is vital to have it, as this is our main source of communication, text messages, notifications, etc. As we enter the winter months and weather, there may be times when the school is closed/closing, we have to ensure all parents can receive this communication.

### ParentPay – Lunch Accounts

Can all lunch debts be cleared on your child's ParentPay lunch account.

## Diary Dates

### **NOVEMBER**

World Cup Day- Football kits or wear colours to support your national team 21<sup>st</sup>

Year 5 Library visit Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Advent Mass in school, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> (children only)

### **December**

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

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

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

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

Afternoon concerts for KS1 and KS2 13<sup>th</sup> (Details to follow)

Christmas Party Day, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Evening concerts for KS1 and KS2, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> (Details to follow)

Year 6 library visit Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> (morning)

Carols around the tree 2:15pm, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> (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 16<sup>th</sup>

Last day of school Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

L. Spencer  
Executive Headteacher

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Deputy Head