

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Monday 20th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support with Bun Week. You really are an incredible community and your donations and support really do help make a difference to school and help us provide the best possible experience for our lovely children. A huge well done to the children in Year 2 who took part in a football tournament last week with Ms Saynor. They played brilliantly and had a great time.

Christmas Fayre

Staff are working incredibly hard to arrange our Christmas Fayre this year. Miss Bell has been busy sourcing raffle prizes and Miss Hines is busy arranging lots of fun games. We also have several parents hosting their own stalls. We have even heard a rumour that Father Christmas will be visiting!

We would really appreciate families to support school by attending our wonderful school Fayre; please make sure the date is in your diary - **14th December**. If you are able to help school buy running a stall for us, please let your child's class teacher know- your help would be much appreciated. The fayre will open after school to allow staff to dismiss pupils safely.

****We are asking for any children's book donations or toy donations that you no longer want that we can sell at the Fayre. These can be brought to the school office to given to staff on classroom doors**.**

Please remember that this week we have a non-uniform day on Friday 24th November and instead of children bringing cash for the chance not to wear uniform we ask that children bring a bottle of some kind. These items are then used as prizes at the Christmas Fayre.

Thank you so much to everyone who attending our parents and carers evening. Your feedback was incredible. A few questionnaires asked for more variety in the clubs we offer. This is something we will look at in the next half term. We also urge families who are not using X previously known as Twitter to use this platform to see what your children are doing in school. As always, please remember that we are here to support families in our community and support individual needs. We kindly ask that if you need to speak with a member of staff that speaking with a member of staff at pick up or drop off is never a problem or calling the school office to arrange a callback from a class teacher is much preferred. We ask that if you need to email then you use the school's general email stmarys@smat.org.uk rather than teacher's personal emails. This can then be picked up by the school office and shared with the relevant person. Thank you for your understanding.

Lunch Payments

Can all lunch debt payments be cleared and kept in credit on ParentPay.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Height and weight checks Year 6 and Reception 22nd

Year 6 Robinwood parents meetings 22nd November 3:30pm and 4:30pm

Collective Worship Council to attend St Mary's Church to prepare the St Mary's tree for the Bright Nights Festival 23rd November

Dress down day- bring a bottle 24th November

Year 6 Robinwood 27th - 29th November

December

Dress Down day- bring a chocolate contribution 4th December

Christmas Dinner Day 6th December (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)

National Christmas Jumper Day 7th December

Elf Run for Barnsley Hospice – sponsor sheets to be sent in due course 8th December (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)

Advent Mass in school 5th December

Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip – 11th December

Christmas Party Day 12th December (Party clothes can be worn to school)

Christingle service at St Paul's Church (pupils only) 13th December (All classes in school uniform)

Christmas Fayre 14th December

Afternoon production for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 18th December

Rock Steady Concert 19th December 2:00pm (for parents and carers of pupils taking part in Rocksteady lessons)

Evening production for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 19th December

Carols Around the Tree PM 21st December (all parents/ carers welcome) (All classes in school uniform)

Reception/ Year 6 Nativity at St May's Church AM 15th December (parents/carers welcome of pupils in Year 6 and Reception) (All classes in school uniform)

Last Day before Christmas Holidays 21st December

Yours sincerely,

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