



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER 29.11.24

SCHOOL NEWS

This week we have made a great start to preparing for Advent. EYFS and KS1 are busy preparing their Nativity – tickets and information to follow. Father Christ has blessed St Mary's Christmas tree, ready for the children to decorate next week. The children have also already been practicing some excellent festive songs in hymn practice ready for the season of advent.

Remember, this weekend is the first weekend of Advent. Please attend St Marys and St Anslem's church mass on Sunday.

Next week we look forward to our Christingle service, please could all parents send their child into school with a large orange on Monday – this will be used for the children to make their own Christingle.

Year 2 and Year 3 have written some wonderful and creative stories. These stories were so fantastic that they have been published in a book. Parents of the children whose stories have been published, have been contacted to purchase a copy. Another copy will also be kept in the school library.

Important Dates

- **Saturday 30th November 10.00am – 1.00pm** – Christmas Fayre at The Ashcroft Whitworth - Our school choir will be joining with OLSA's choir to open the Christmas fair with some festive carols. Please can children who are in the choir arrive at **9.45 in their school uniform.**
- **4th December** – EYFS trip to the farm
- **5th December** – Choir trip to The Life Church Lancashire
- **12th December** – KS2 trip to St Georges Hall to watch the pantomime
- **17th December** – KS1 trip to The Lowry to watch Stickman

Star Award

Nursery – Jaziah
Reception – Thomas
Year 1 – Harper & Lora
Year 2 – Evie & Ralphie
Year 3 – Ryker
Year 4 – Fayelouise & Aria
Year 5 – Freddie & All the class
Year 6 – Emmanuel & Maria

It didn't go unnoticed

Evie J, Ben, Koby, Carson, Lily B, Ella, Joseph, Caitlyn

Bronze awards

Well done to these children, they are the first to receive their Bronze awards for 50 behaviour points. They have followed all 3 school rules consistently; be safe, be ready, be respectful.

Shaye, Baariz, Lilly, Francesca, Benjamin, Reece, Hattie, Sarah, Brody, Chris R, Chris F, Marshall, Yassine, Freddie, Baazel, Shayla, Lexie, Brandon, Benjamin, Liah

Attendance

Well done to **Year 5S** for their punctuality!

Well done to **year 4** for their **97.9%** attendance!

Remember attendance as a school should be higher than 96% to ensure that children make the best progress.



Safeguarding

We continue to prioritise safeguarding at St Marys. Please see a non-exclusive list of websites that can provide additional support to safeguard your children.

www.citizensadvice.org.uk For General Advice

www.netmums.com For general advice on parenting issues and local events happening

www.shelter.org.uk Housing and debt advice

www.net-aware.org.uk Keeping your child safe online

www.entitledto.co.uk Benefits Calculator - check you are receiving everything you are entitled to.

If you need any further support please contact Mr Haworth, Mrs Love or Miss Cunningham.

PTA

An exciting opportunity has become available. At St Mary's we want to develop an effective Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This will enable us to provide a more enhanced curriculum for the children by raising money. If you are interested in becoming a part of the PTA team, please contact; Mrs Love or Miss Cunningham.

Health

Please remember that children are not permitted to bring nut products into school as we have some children with allergies.

Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key workers