

St Mary's CE (A) Primary School, Mucklestone

Mail on Monday

5th December 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the wonderful hamper gifts that your children brought to school today. We are overwhelmed with the response and the children have had a great time creating the raffle prizes for next Friday's draw. The next few weeks are a busy time at St Mary's and hopefully you all received a letter on Friday afternoon detailing the festive events that are planned for the next couple of weeks but here is a summary.



Thursday 8 th December	Nativity performance – 2pm and 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Children's Christmas lunch
Thursday 15 th December	Children's Party Afternoon
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Carol service – 2pm in church followed by the hamper draw, mulled wine and mince pies in the school hall



As a Church of England school we would like to finish the term in church celebrating the true meaning of Christmas and getting into the festive spirit. The service will be led by Terry Williams, our new Rector, and the children will be singing Christmas carols. There will also be readings from the Christmas Story, performances from our guitar / ukulele and Drama groups and the church will be decorated for the season. We would like to invite all families to attend.

After the service we will return to school where FOSMS will be serving mince pies and mulled wine in the school hall. The draw for the children's Christmas hampers will also take place at approximately 3:20pm.

Key Stage 1 Parent Meeting – Wednesday 7th December

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 there will be a short meeting at 3:15pm on Wednesday afternoon to share some of findings from our recent assessment week as well as some of the ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.

School photos

The deadline for returning school photo orders is Thursday, 8th December. Please ensure you have returned the forms by then to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas.



School Uniform Sale, Thursday 8th December



Mrs Furnival has very kindly offered to run a second-hand school uniform stall before the nativity performance on Thursday afternoon. Please allow a few minutes before the start of the performance to browse the stall if you would like to purchase any items of St Mary's uniform. All proceeds will go to the FOSMS fund.

Spring Term – Snacks and Clubs

Please ensure that you log onto Parent Pay to place your child's spring term snack orders as well as booking places on after school clubs before the end of term.



Christmas Hampers: if you pledged an item please remember to bring it into school on Tuesday so the team can prepare the hampers for the Chinese Banquet. Thank you to all those who have already donated - you have all been so generous and it's a wonder Mrs Sellman can get any work done surrounded by so many treats!

Chinese Banquet at New Ambrosia, 13th December: there are still a few tickets left for this great night & one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Speak to Mrs Sellman if you'd like to grab one! And even if you can't come, why not ask to see our catalogue of auction lots - you can still make a sealed bid even if you can't be there on the night.

FOSMS Committee: FOSMS chair Amy McLellan is stepping down due to a relocation so we're looking for a new chair and committee member. It's a great opportunity to get involved in school life, make a real difference to the school and have a good laugh along the way. The committee is really friendly, we do a lot of our communication via email to keep meetings to a minimum (although always open for a pint in a local pub) and we are lucky to get so much help and support from the wider community. If you're interested please speak to a member of the committee or the school office. There will be a meeting in January - date to be confirmed.

Children's Hamper Raffle: On Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 16th December) the children may bring 50p to school to purchase a raffle ticket for their chance to win one of our three, class hampers. Each child may only purchase one ticket and the draw will take place after the carol service at 3:20pm in the school hall.

Well done to all who received Awesome Alchemist Awards:



Awesome Alchemist: Class 1 – Bethany, Ollie, Susan, Lacy and Tom B.

Class 2 – Elliot, Belle, Mia and Ryan

Class 3 – Kinley, Billy, Leon, Callum, Maya, Lara and Emma J

Winning House: Air

Certificates for JAFFA children who sang beautifully at Cheswardine Hall last Sunday: Martha, Lara, Emily, Mia, Jess, Bethany, Fraya and Grace

I would also like to apologise to Keira who won an award last week but was sadly missed off the list for Class 1 - well done Keira.

Church and Community News:

Christingle Service, St Mary's Church, Sunday 11th December 11:15pm



A warm welcome awaits you at the Christingle Family Service at 11:15am on Sunday 11th December.

Members of JAFFA will be taking part and all pupils are welcome to join them. If your child would like to take part and you haven't already contacted Mrs Keen please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Carols by Candlelight – Knighton Village Hall, Tuesday 13th December 7pm The Friends of St Mary's Church invite you to join them to sing Carols by Candlelight and enjoy some other seasonal offerings plus mulled wine and a light supper. There will be a collection for the Children's Society and a raffle.



C. Newman

Diary Dates

Please note key dates for this term, these are also available on our website. **(New dates are in blue)**



6 th December	Class 1 and Class 3 trip to Blists Hill Museum
7 th December	Key Stage 1 Parent meeting 3:15pm
8 th December	Nativity performance 2pm and 6.30pm
13 th December	FOSMS Chinese Banquet
14 th December	Parent Voice Meeting, 3.30pm
14 th December	Christmas lunch, children only
15 th December	Children's party afternoon
16 th December	Last Day of term – Christmas jumper day and 2pm Carol Service in church followed by hamper draw, mince pies and coffee. Everyone welcome.
3 rd January 2017	First day of term
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