



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to St Mary's! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the many festivities but also had some time away from work to spend with your families.

We have already had a great start to this term with a trip to the New Victoria Theatre last Wednesday. The children and staff enjoyed the performance and, as usual, the children behaved impeccably throughout the trip. This term we have some exciting topics planned for each class:

Class 1 – A whole new world

Class 2 – Tomb raiders

Class 3 – Ultimate warriors

I look forward to sharing more details of these with you over the course of the next few weeks.

This term all children will focus on the Christian value, forgiveness, which will be the theme running throughout our school assemblies and collective worship.

### School Uniform



Several children have returned from the Christmas break missing items of uniform, particularly cardigans and jumpers. The missing items are named so please could you check your child's uniform to ensure that you have the correct items and not another child's by mistake. Thank you.

### Music Tuition

**Ukulele and Guitar** – Lessons will begin on Thursday so please ensure your child has their instrument in school.

**Clarinet** – Mrs Gibson will be providing a woodwind demonstration tomorrow to encourage more children to participate in clarinet lessons. If your child would like to start tuition each Tuesday please let me or Mrs Sellman in the school office know.

**Violin** – I am pleased to confirm that Entrust are able to provide violin tuition for all children who indicated that they would like to continue with lessons on a Friday afternoon. As soon as the cost of a lesson is confirmed Mrs Sellman will set up payment via ParentPay. Children will need their violins in school each Friday, starting this week.



If you still have a violin at home but do not intend your child to continue with lessons please return the instrument to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### P.E. Lessons

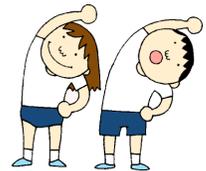
This term children will require their P.E. kit on the following days:

Class 1 – all week (kit should be kept on pegs outside the classroom)

Class 2 – Monday and Tuesday

Class 3 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Where possible P.E. will take place outside so please provide your child with a long-sleeved sweatshirt or hoody and trousers or leggings whilst the weather is so wintery.



### Inter-school Sports Events

Following the success of recent inter-school sporting events we intend to enter local gymnastics and netball competitions to provide children with the opportunity of competing against other schools. More details of the events will follow shortly.

## Reception Children – Red Books

All children have been provided with a list of ‘common’ and ‘exception’ words in their red books. These words are intended to help them with their Phonics’ learning and will be used during writing tasks in school. There is no need to learn the words at home. Thank you.

## Eco Club



Attached to this week’s MOM is the latest ECO Club newsletter. Children in the club would like to start a ‘bird café’ in the school grounds. If you are able to help by providing any items your help would be greatly appreciated. The children are looking for bird feeders, a bird table, sunflower seeds, nyjer seeds, lard or suet, cooked rice and uncooked oats. Thank you very much for your support.



## FOSMS News

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the recent Chinese Banquet and Charity Auction in any way. As usual we had a fabulous evening with great company and food at the New Ambrosia restaurant in Loggerheads. The event raised almost £1800 which is a fantastic achievement. The evening would not be possible without the continued support of Graham Sedgley and Claire Furnival and both the FOSMS team and I would like to thank them for their commitment to St Mary’s.

The Christmas Fair took place on the final day of term and the children were very enthusiastic about the hamper raffle and surprise jars. Thank you to all the parents for their support in creating such amazing jars, the winning ones are below – well done Macy, Isobel and Ashley.

Overall the Christmas Fair raised £163 – thank you to everyone who contributed to the event.



**Christopher Newman**  
Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

Please note key dates for this half term. (New dates are in blue)



23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Full Governing Body meeting – parents welcome from 6.15pm to 6.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents’ Evening – no childcare provision
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents’ Evening – childcare <i>for children in school only</i> will kindly be provided by Mrs Dicks
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half Term holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school

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