



# St Mary's R.C. Primary School, Meadowside Newsletter

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## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 Whole School

N.B. if you would like a photograph of your child with siblings who **DO NOT** attend St Mary's school, please come into school at 8.30am.

Pupils should wear school uniform and bring P.E. Kit to change into if it's their P.E. day.

## PAYMENTS REMINDER

**School Meals** must be paid in advance, either termly or weekly on a Monday morning.

**Breakfast Club** must be paid in advance, either at the beginning of the week or on the morning of each visit.

## NURSERY NATIVITY - Wednesday 13 December 2017

9.15am – morning & all day children

2.00pm – afternoon & all day children

Parents of all day children can attend either performance.

## PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Thank you for your co-operation in trying to improve parking around school.

Any concerns or reports around public & pupil safety are taken very seriously and we would still advise you to continue to report any concerns and/or abuse to the

community police  **telephone no: 101**. Any parking issues can also be reported to the council's traffic enforcement department 0191 520 5550.

We will continue to work closely with the community police, the local council and community in trying to improve the traffic situation and parking around St. Mary's and in addition to the school crossing patrols on Durham Road and Queen Alexandra Road, you may note that there will be a greater presence by police and parking camera around the school at peak times due to safety concerns.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## ECO CLUB - GIANT WALK TO SCHOOL








Please help us to reduce traffic congestion and save energy by joining our walking bus from Barnes Park to school on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**.

Please meet outside the café at Barnes Park at **8.10am**. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We hope to see you there

## November/December 2017

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	Holidays – School Closed		After- School Clubs		Sports Events
	INSET Day – School Closed		Music Lessons		P.E Days
	Bank Holiday – School Closed				



### SWITCH OFF FORTNIGHT

Over the next few weeks the children will be taking part in EDF Energy's energy saving campaign "Switch Off Fortnight". [The Pod](http://www.thepod.org), EDF Energy's environmental education programme, is a free interactive online resource. Please spend some time exploring the website with your child at home. In the 'student zone' there are lots of facts, games and movies as well as ideas on things you could do to reduce waste and save energy at home. <http://jointhepod.org/home>

### FAIRTRADE TUCKSHOP

Our Fairtrade Tuckshop is taking place on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. Children can buy **one item only** and we kindly request that they bring the correct money. The following Fairtrade items will be available to purchase:

Banana -	20p
Chocolate bar-	30p
Drink-	50p



**Article 32:** *You have the right to protection from work that harms you, and is bad for your health and education. If you work, you have the right to be safe and paid fairly.*

### FAIRTRADE

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded our "Fair Achiever" award to recognise the work we have been doing to promote 'Fairtrade' in school.

Why Fairtrade? Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.



When you see the Fairtrade mark:

- . The Fairtrade producer received a price that covered their cost of production.
- . The producer also receives the Fairtrade Premium, a little extra money to invest in their business, or a community project of their choice.
- . Workers have rights to decent wages, to join unions and work in safe conditions.
- . Farmers and workers have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

Please continue to support us on our Fairtrade journey by coming along to Fairtrade events we organise and supporting our half termly Fairtrade tuckshop.

**UNCRC Article 19 – You have the right to be protected and be safe.**

**Article 29 – Education must develop every child's personality. It must encourage children to respect their own and others cultures.**

**All Different – All Equal**

**We would like St Mary's to be a safe and friendly environment for everyone!**

### ANTI-BULLYING & PROUD TO BE ME DAY

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Children can come to school dressed in a way that reflects their personality – making them unique. This could be the uniform of a club they belong to or national dress of a country they are associated with.

The School Council will lead our Pastoral Care session in the morning, and in the afternoon Fire Horse Productions are performing an anti-bullying play called – "The B Word" for Years 1 to 6.

**We ask for £1 contribution per child – this will include a treat after the theatre group have performed. Thank you**

### DATES FOR ADVENT

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – **INSET DAY** – School closed
- 13 Dec – Nursery Nativity 9.15am and 2.00pm School Hall – Parents of all day children can attend either performance.
- 14 Dec – KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.30pm School Hall
- 15 Dec – 9am Snowbola / Christmas Jumper Day
- 18 Dec – Children's Rock Band Concert – Children 2.30pm Parents welcome at 3.00pm
- 19 Dec – Reception Christmas Performance 9.20am & 2.45pm School Hall
- 19 Dec - KS2 Christmas Performance 6.30pm at St Mary's Church
- 21 Dec – Whole School Party Day
- 22 Dec – **School closes 1pm**

### SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

**St Mary's RC Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We politely request that all parents, carers, contractors and visitors to school respect our safeguarding culture of vigilance.**

**Please help us to keep our school community safe and support school in reporting any**

concerns and/or inappropriate behaviour or actions through the appropriate channels.

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