



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

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Date: Friday 24 November 2017

**INSET DAY – Friday 1 December 2017**  
 School is closed on Friday, 1 December and will re-open on Monday, 4 December.



**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.

**RECEPTION NATIVITY – Tuesday 19 December 2017**  
 9.20am – Mrs Robson & Mrs Gregory's class

2.40pm – Mrs Jackson's class

## ADVENT

This Sunday, 3 December 2017 we begin to celebrate the season of Advent.

Advent is a lovely time of the year, when we can count our blessings and think of those who are less fortunate. During Advent, the families of St. Mary's RC Primary School are making a reverse Advent Calendar, where we will be collecting goods to help with Open House, an outreach to the homeless based in St. Mary's Church Hall.



When you are shopping over the next 4 weeks why not buy an extra item to support the homeless people of our town? Useful items include; deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitiser, soap, tins of soup (tomato, chicken & vegetable), biscuits, tea, coffee and sugar.

Advent is the season of hope, culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, which brings us the good news that we are loved unconditionally by God. This Sunday's Gospel is also filled with hope – we are reminded that one day Jesus will return.



## November/December 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27 Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey – Raich Carter Street Dance 3.30 – 4.30pm Year 5 – P.E. Day	28 Year 4 Swimming 1.30-2.20pm Sportshall Athletics Finals – Biddick Academy 12.00-3pm Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Chess 3.30 - 4.30 pm Karate 3.30 - 4.30 pm Year3 – P.E. D	29 Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6 Year 4 – P.E. Day	30 Year3 Beamish Trip Year 1 P.E. Day	1 INSET DAY	2	3
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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



### HEALTHY EATING

As we are a "healthy eating school" we encourage children in years 1-6 who wish to bring a snack for break time, to bring a "healthy snack", such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, raisins or a cereal bar. Please do not give snacks such as crisps, chocolate and sweets. Thank you.



### 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](#), 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>

### 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.**

### 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.

### PTA

This Christmas we are supporting Sunderland Young Carers, by collecting **new, unwrapped toys** to be presented at St Mary's RC Church's Christingle Service on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm**. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, please leave a gift at the school office. Thank you for your support.

We raised a huge **£499.16** at our recent movie nights! A massive thank you to all who attended and helped. Your support is much appreciated.

Our November 100 Club draw will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Please ensure that payment is bank transferred or handed to the school office by Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017. If you would like to join the 100 Club for the chance to win £100, please contact us at [stmaryspta100club@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspta100club@gmail.com)

### 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.**