



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

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## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School closes at 1pm on Friday, 22 December 2017. Parents will therefore need to arrange to collect their child/children from the school yard at 1.00pm instead of 3.30pm.

## NURSERY NATIVITY - Wednesday 13 December 2017

**9.15am** – morning & 'all day' children – School Hall.  
**2.00pm** – afternoon & 'all day' children – School Hall.  
 Parents of 'all day' children can attend either performance.

## KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE – Thursday 14 December 2017

9.30am and 2.30pm – School Hall – parents can attend either performance.

## RECEPTION NATIVITY – Tuesday 19 December 2017

**9.20am** – Mrs Robson & Mrs Gregory's class  
**2.40pm** – Mrs Jackson's class

## KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE – Tuesday 19 December 2017

**6.30pm** - St Mary's Church

## ADVENT

Advent is a lovely time of the year, when we can count our blessings and think of those who are less fortunate.

## UNCRC Article 29 Education must encourage the child's respect for human rights.

During Advent every class is collecting **tins and toiletries** for their class's advent calendar box. These will go to St. Mary's Parish centre to help the homeless this Christmas. Please help your child to know the importance of helping those in need.

When you are shopping over the next 2 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. Any cash donations would also be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

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.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**St Cecilia's Church – 6pm Mass – Saturday 9 December 2017.**

## FOREST SCHOOL – Y4

**Y4** are going to Forest School on **Monday 11 December 2017**. Please wear old clothes and wellies.

## December 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>11</b> Year 5 – P.E. Day  Street Dance 3.30 – 4.30pm Rock Band 3.30 – 4.30pm	<b>12</b> Year3 – P.E. Day  Year 4 Swimming 1.30-2.20pm (Last Session)  Year 6 Booster Class CANCELLED Chess 3.30 - 4.30 pm –Last Session Karate 3.30 - 4.30 pm	<b>13</b> Year 4 – P.E. Day  Nursery Nativity 9.15am and 2.00pm  Year 6 Booster Class CANCELLED Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6	<b>14</b> Year 1 P.E. Day  KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.30pm	<b>15</b> Year 2 & 6 – P.E. Day Violin Y2 -AM  Snowbola- 9am and Christmas Jumper Day  Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 2&3	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Rock Band Performance – 2.30pm for school and 3.00pm for Parents.  <b>NO MUSIC or AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK</b>	<b>19</b> Reception Christmas Performance 9.20am and 2.45pm  KS2 Christmas Performance @ St Mary's Church 6.30pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Reception & Nursery Party Day  KS1 Party - am KS2 Party- pm	<b>22</b> <b>School Closes 1pm</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>

- Holidays – School Closed
- INSET Day – School Closed
- Bank Holiday – School Closed

- After- School Clubs
- Music Lessons

- Sports Events
- P.E Days

### SNOWBOLA AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Friday, 15 December 2017** children may wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform.

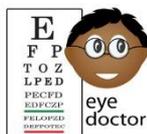
We ask for a **£1 donation per family** to go towards Save the Children charity.



### UNCRC Article 24 All Children have a right to good health.

We are told that 3 out of 10 children will have a problem with their vision whilst at school, and this can lead to difficulties in reading and writing.

Eye tests **are free for all children in education** up to the age of 19. Sometimes parents and children don't realise that there are problems with their children's eyes until they have an eye test. If you have any concerns over your child's vision please make an appointment with an optician.



### ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for St Mary's RC Primary School 2019/20.

Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published.

The policy for consultation for 2019/20 is available at [www.smrc.school](http://www.smrc.school) - Our School/Policies or call at the school office for a copy.

The consultation will run from Monday 4 December 2017 – Monday 22 January 2018.

A consultation response form is available by request from the school.

The governing body will consider all comments received before they determine the arrangements for 2019/20.

### PTA

#### SNOWBOLA – 15 December 2017

We urgently need donations of selection boxes, sweets, unused gifts and bottles for our Snowbola. Please leave any donations at the school office by **Wednesday, 13 December 2018**. All donations gratefully appreciated.

Parents will receive a letter containing information on how to enter our fabulous Snowbola raffle with Christmas hampers up for grabs. Thank you again for your support

Entry to the Snowbola will be at 9am, in the School Hall where you will be entertained by St Mary's School Choir and some of our Musicians.

December's 100 Club draw will take place on Friday, 29 December 2018.

Please ensure that all £5 payments are made (via bank transfer or cash to school office) before we break up on Friday, 22 December 2018.

If you would like to take part in the 100 club, please email your contact details to [pta@smrc.school](mailto:pta@smrc.school)

### DATES FOR ADVENT

18 Dec – Children's Rock Band Concert – Children 2.30pm  
Parents welcome at 3.00pm

### 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.