



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

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INSET DAY – Friday 1 December 2017

School is closed tomorrow Friday, 1 December and will re-open on Monday, 4 December.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – 3rd December



This Sunday 3rd December is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be celebrating by holding a Christingle service at St Mary's RC Church 3.00pm.

This will be a short service. Please bring an unwrapped child's toy to be left during the service – these toys will be given out to children who have had a difficult year or are from very disadvantaged backgrounds in Sunderland. During the service those who leave a gift will receive an orange. Fr Marc looks forward to seeing everyone.

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 5 – P.E. Day Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey – Raich Carter Street Dance 3.30 – 4.30pm	28 Year3 – P.E. Day 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	29 Year 4 – P.E. Day Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6	30 Year 1 P.E. Day Year3 Beamish Trip	1 INSET DAY	2	3
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11 Year 5 – P.E. Day Street Dance 3.30 – 4.30pm Rock Band 3.30 – 4.30pm	12 Year3 – P.E. Day Year 4 Swimming 1.30-2.20pm(Last Session) Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Chess 3.30 - 4.30 pm Karate 3.30 - 4.30 pm	13 Year 4 – P.E. Day Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6	14 Year 1 P.E. Day	15 Year 2 & 6 – P.E. Day Violin Y2 -AM Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 2&3	16	17

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

TEAM ICE MAIDEN

Update on Mrs Stephenson's daughter, Jenni, and her progress across the Antarctic with Team Ice Maiden

DAY 8

10.7 nautical miles

9 hrs skiing

Conditions -40 degrees

About the expedition:

Six British women are aiming to become the first all-female team to use muscle power alone to ski coast-to-coast across Antarctica.

Their aims:

to inspire, to empower, to research.

No team of women, from any nation, has completed this formidable challenge using muscle power alone. It is the ultimate opportunity to show that women have the mental strength and physical endurance to operate in the most hostile environment on earth.

The Ice Maiden team will cover 1,700km using muscle-power alone, pulling sledges and battling temperatures of -50°C and wind speeds of over 60mph during their three-month journey.

Unsupported, and with only two resupply points along the route, they will carry all the supplies and equipment needed to survive for up to 600km at a time.

The Ice Maiden team are all serving in the British Army or Army Reserve and are following in the footsteps of Felicity Aston's record-breaking solo Antarctic crossing in 2012.

The Ice Maidens are supporting Breast Cancer Care and the Army Cadet Forces Association

Links below to follow their progress:

@icemaidentjenni

@exicemaident

<http://exicemaident.com/>

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.

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.

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.

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

Our November 100 Club draw took place today, congratulations to

1st £100 No 4 Val Smith

2nd £50 No 22 Sarah Riley

3rd £25 No 10 Lynn Foster

We need your help! –SNOWBOLA – 15/12/2017

Donations of sweets, chocolates, selection boxes, raffle prizes or any novelty Christmas gifts would be very much appreciated. Please send in any donations to the school main office by Wednesday, 13th December 2017.

Thank you again for your support

DATES FOR ADVENT

1st 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

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