



# St Mary's RC Primary School Newsletter

'Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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## ADVENT

Advent begins on Sunday 28th November. When you go to church this Sunday you will notice that the first candle of Advent will be lit.

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

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.



## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School will close at 1.15pm on Friday 17th December 2021

Lunches will be provided before school closes.

**Please note afternoon Nursery will finish for the Christmas Holidays at 3.30pm, Thursday 16th December 2021.**

**School will reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022 (Tuesday 4th January is an inset day).**

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

**On Friday 10th December 2021, all pupils and staff can take part in St Mary's Christmas Jumper Day.**

You get to wear your silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas sweaters. **(Christmas jumper to replace school jumper only - rest of uniform should be worn).**

Collection tubs will be located on paths in to school. All donations greatly appreciated and all proceeds will go to the Red Sky Foundation.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY

Wednesday 15th December 2021, will be Christmas Lunch Day. If your child normally brings a packed lunch and wishes to stay for Christmas dinner, please email [deborah.lloyd@smrc.school](mailto:deborah.lloyd@smrc.school) or contact the school office on 0191 5228787.

**N.B. Cost for the Christmas dinner lunch is £2.20. Please can this be paid in advance via [www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk)**



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to Children in Need.

We raised a fabulous grand total of £562.51.



## November/December 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Year 2 PE	30 Year 3 PE Chess Club 3.30-4.30	1 Year 4 PE Y2 & 3 Drama Club 3.30-4.30	2 Year 6 PE Year 5 PE/Swimming	3 Year 1 PE Y4, 5 & 6 Drama Club 3.30-4.30
6 Year 2 PE	7 Year 3 PE Chess Club 3.30-4.30	8 Year 4 PE Y2 & 3 Drama Club	9 Year 6 PE Year 5 PE/Swimming	10 Year 1 PE Y4, 5 & 6 Drama Club 3.30-4.30

### CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

This year we will be recording our year group nativities and these will be shared later in December on social media.

Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions we are unable to invite parents to any of the nativity performances.



### FAITH IN ACTION

For Christmas this year Faith in Action are collecting toys and treats for Sunderland Food Bank.

### MINNIE VINNIES

This year we are collecting tins and non-perishable food items for our reverse advent calendar.

For any donations children will receive a golden ticket and may win a selection box.

Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Children can come to school in party clothes but must bring a coat.

### PLANTS

If anyone has any winter bedding plants they would kindly like to donate to our school gardens, all donations would be greatly appreciated.



### ODDIZZI

We continue to subscribe to 'Oddizzi', the geographical e-learning resource. It contains a lot of information, videos and quizzes about countries, environmental issues and events around the world. It is a fantastic resource which helps to challenge, engage and more importantly enthuse pupils about geography. The children can use 'Oddizzi' at home and can login using the details below.

#### **Class Username**

Mrs Collingwood	i3#
Mrs Smith	i4#
Mrs Paget/Mrs Gregory	i5#
Mr Carson	i6#
Ms McQuillin/Mrs Roddy	j1#
Miss Hatton	j2#
Miss March	j3#
Mrs Bravo	j4#
Miss Watt	j5#
Mrs Cummings	j6#
Miss Simpson	j7#
Mrs Duffy	j8#

#### **Password - oddizzi**



### *The First Week of Advent*



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