



# St Mary's of England Primary School & Nursery

## Newsletter – Issue 11 – 27.11.2020

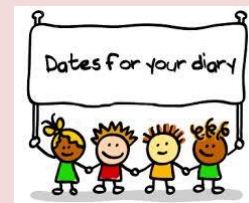


Please note that should you wish to receive this newsletter in a different format please ask at the school office.

This term's Christian Value is Compassion:

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3.12

### School Diary Dates



#### December

10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Nativity filming (EYFS and KS1 only)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Colouring Competition Judging by School Council
16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumpers
17 <sup>th</sup> pm	St Mary's Virtual Pantomime (and snacks) in each Bubble
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas raffle Draw
18 <sup>th</sup>	A Special Visitor to St Mary's (sssh!)
18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2

### Compassionate Achievers

*Little Acorns:* Imogen for caring for the younger children in Nursery

*Little Oaks:* Brooke for always noticing when someone is unhappy and trying to make them feel better

*Class 1:* Oakley for offering to do jobs to help the class and his friends

*Class 2:* Erinn D for always thinking of others. She nominated Mrs Adamson for an award for teaching them lots of new things, which shows just how thoughtful she is.

*Class 3:* Isaac for being kind to his friends and classmates at playtime

*Class 4:* Farley for being compassionate at playtimes with all children

*Class 5:* Marcin for helping people to persevere in their sewing

*Class 6:* Isabella was nominated by a classmate for helping him to stay on task' and Violet has supported her classmates when sewing – thank you Violet!



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Do you have a child  
starting school in  
September 2021?



Places available for  
September 2021

For a personal tour, please contact us:

☎ 01761 434548 ✉ [office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk](mailto:office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk)

St Mary's C of E Primary is tucked away in the historical, rural village of Writhlington. Our school has the most amazing grounds - including a sensory garden and a conservation area with fire pit and pond. Our early years 'Woodland' building has both an inside and outside classroom.

'Pupils in Reception are well prepared for their next stage of education'

'Pupils develop the self-confidence and enjoyment of learning needed to help them in the future'

- Ofsted 2019 -

We would love to offer you a personal tour – please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

All social distancing guidelines will be adhered to

### Know someone with a child starting school in 2021?

We have spaces in Nursery and Reception now and for September next year.

Should you know anyone who would like a school tour please ask them to ring the school or contact the school office to arrange a convenient time for a COVID safe visit.



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### Christmas Cards

Children have asked if they can bring Christmas Cards in for their friends and we think that this would be a lovely (and compassionate) thing to do. To reduce any risks we would ask that cards are brought in by Friday, they are left over the weekend, and will be handed out the following week.

### Nursery Outdoor Play and Learning



A massive thank you to Lucy and Ian Bush, and Louise Gould for constructing, painting and donating a fantastic mud kitchen to our lovely Little Acorns Nursery. The Nursery mud kitchen is now in our conservation area and the children will be making all things muddy and magnificent during their outdoor learning sessions. It's fully stocked with bowls and utensils - anyone for a mud pie?!

Thank you again for always supporting our lovely Nursery and School!

### PTA Christmas Celebrations

#### ❖ **Children's Colouring Competition**

This is coming home today. ALL children who enter will receive a prize. The winners will be judged by School Council on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

#### ❖ **Virtual Christmas Market- organised by the children.**

Please look out for a flyer from your child's class. Should you wish to purchase your Christmas gift please send money into school with your child.

#### ❖ **Christmas Raffle - don't forget to send in your tickets!**

Please return the slips and payment to your child's class.

#### ❖ **CHRISTMAS SPARKLE TRAIL**

Please let the PTA know if you would like to be involved and add your home to the trail. The trail map will be available soon from the school office.

Any money should be sent into school with your child, in a named envelope or handed to the class teacher.





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Christmas has come to St Mary's. Two very large Christmas Trees are up, outside and in the hall, making the school feel festive. Huge thanks to Mr Williams for giving up his weekend to collect, deliver and erect these beautiful trees for the staff and children to enjoy. The children are learning their lines for their virtual nativity and Christmas is alive in every class.



## Thank you to our volunteers

We would like to say a HUGE thank you this Advent to the volunteers who give freely of their time to help in so many ways to support our school, making it the wonderful place it is: The PTA for the extra activities and fundraising, the governors for always strategically looking for ways to support and challenge the school, Mr Dobson for mending the car park barrier, volunteers who have painted the shed and helped prepare the allotment, Mrs Appleby for her donation of Christmas Crackers for every child and Mr Fenton for donations of cable reels for outside play.

THANK YOU ☺

## Parent Code of Conduct

Please find attached to this email our Parent Code of Conduct. At this time of year staff and governors are reviewing many policies and procedures. It is pertinent to share this with you.





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### End of Term Arrangements

Traditionally at the end of every 'big term' (Christmas, Easter and in the Summer) school finishes a little bit earlier for children. Please see timings below for our staggered finish to the end of this term:

2.10 Class 2

2.20 Class LO

2.30 Nursery

2.15 Class 1

2.25 Class 4

2.35 Class 3

2.20 Class 6

2.30 Class 5

### Collective Worship

We have been holding regular Collective Worship since we returned to school in September.

On Monday and Friday morning we manage to all come together for a 'zoom' Worship, led by Ms Lampert, where we discuss and share thoughts on our school values. This week we were pleased to share our worship with Reverend Izzard from St Nicholas Church.

You will notice that one class is missing – sometimes technology just can't keep up!!!



### Christmas Jumpers or festive Christmas Colours

Today Year 6 voted to wear Christmas jumpers on the 16th December – Christmas Dinner Day. Should your child not have a Christmas jumper they would be most welcome to wear a red or green top. Please note that school trousers, skirts and shoes should be worn on this day.

### Hair Nits

Parents, please check your child's hair for nits. There appears to be a spate of them in the area at the moment. If you need any further advice on the best treatment or different approaches please contact the school office: we may be able to help or can put you in touch with the school nurse.

### Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December

Please book my child/children: .....

a delicious Christmas lunch for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

☐ My child is entitled to a Free School Meal.

☐ My child is in EYFS or KS1 and is entitled to Infant Universal Free School Meals

☐ I enclose £2.60 (KS2 not entitled to FSM)



Signed..... date:.....



PTA - The Christmas Sparkle Trail is Ready!!!!!!

*Writhlington*  
**CHRISTMAS  
SPARKLE**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

 Buy a map for £2 from  
St Mary's School or Fillerup!



Enjoy a festive outdoor (socially distanced) walk around Writhlington with your household at your leisure.

Be sure to visit the star stops to find out all the letters to spell out a Winter themed word.

Email us your answers for a chance to win!

First Prize - £25 Entertainer Toyshop voucher  
Second Prize - £10 Entertainer Toyshop voucher

All funds raised go to St Mary's C of E Primary School PTA to directly support and enhance educational and well-being experiences for the children.