



St Mary's of England Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter - Issue 12 - 11/12/2020



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

16 th	Colouring Competition Judging by School Council
16 th	Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumpers/red or green tops
17 th pm	St Mary's Virtual Pantomime (and snacks) in each Bubble
17 th	Christmas raffle Draw
18 th	A Special Visitor to St Mary's (sssh!)
18 th	End of Term 2

January

4 th	INSET day for staff
5 th	Return to school for children

Compassionate Achievers

Little Acorns: Aubree for caring about other children

Little Oaks: Delilah and Lily for being super friendly and listening to each other

Class 1: Connor for being compassionate to children in the class

Class 2: Kizzy for helping Erin J when she was upset

Class 3: Bradley for helping others when sewing

Class 4: Lola for understanding others feelings; showing empathy

Class 5: Sonny for being a GREAT role model

Class 6: Gethin for supporting others (in sewing and everything)

Children Nominated by others:

Ava was nominated by Erin for helping her.

Daria was nominated by Alissa for comforting her when she was sad

Rhys was nominated by David for always being kind

April was nominated by Violet for showing compassion; she is just a great friend and very kind.

Individual Health Care Plans (IHP's)

We are currently updating our Individual Health Care Plans. Please send back these forms as soon as possible so that we can add them electronically to our system. We will be in touch should we require further information. If your child has a medical condition and you did not receive an IHP to complete, please contact the school office.



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Christmas Jumpers or festive Christmas Colours

Year 6 voted for the whole school 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.



Christmas Nativity

We couldn't let Christmas pass by without a celebration of the Nativity from our younger classes. The children have learnt the Christmas story off-by-heart and have had lots of fun filming it for parents and the school community to enjoy. How many takes?

Huge thanks to Mrs Adamson, Miss Hamblin, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Martin, Mrs Hazelton, Miss Buchan, Mrs Langley, Mrs Lock, Mrs Appleby, Mrs Fenton, Dee, Val and Abbie for facing new frontiers in working out how to do this in a COVID safe way with over 80 children AND working out the technology in order to do so - well done Mrs Adamson!

It certainly has caused sleepless nights!

Parents, they look amazing (thank you) and we know you will look forward to hearing the Christmas Story.



End of Term Arrangements - A reminder

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
2.15 Class 1
2.20 Class 6

2.20 Class LO
2.25 Class 4
2.30 Class 5

2.30 Nursery
2.35 Class 3



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Support over Christmas

Dear Parent/Guardian

A letter and email has been sent to all parents entitled to Free School Meals. (Please note that this is different to **Universal** Free School Meals for all children in Little Oaks, Year 1 and Year 2).

Please use the link in the email or noted in the flyer attached to register for vouchers for the Christmas holidays. Should you need any help the telephone number for BANES support is 01225 477777

Additionally for **any** parents needing support, alongside the doctors' surgery and Radstock Children's Centre, Ms Lampert holds FOOD BANK vouchers in school. Please get in touch if you would like help.

Free School Meals during Christmas Holidays

As you may be aware the council has agreed to provide funding to support benefit related free school meals during the Christmas holidays. The funding is for Parents/ Guardians who are eligible for free school meals due to the benefits they receive. Bath and North East Somerset council have therefore set up a process to provide an electronic voucher for supermarkets so that you can purchase food and essential items during the holidays.

We have set up a web portal to receive applications from Parents/ Guardians who wish to claim a voucher to the value of £40 for the Christmas holidays.

The web link below will request you to submit an e-mail address and some details about yourself and your child /children including your National Insurance number. From this information we will cross check with the entitled to free school meals register and issue a voucher link back to your e-mail address. This may take a few days to complete.

Web Link <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/help-parents-and-carers>

Once you have the electronic link you will be able to claim a voucher from a range of supermarkets including Tesco, Sainsburys and Morrisons. **It is very important that upon receiving your voucher for your chosen supermarket that you download and save it to your smartphone or computer, as replacements will not be issued.** The voucher may be used in-store or on-line for some supermarkets and can also be printed off before taking it to the supermarket. Please read the full redemption details that are displayed upon selecting your chosen voucher as they are different in each store.

If you do not have electronic means of contacting us then please **phone 01225 477777 option 4**

Where you will be asked to provide the same data and a voucher will be made available to you via alternative means depending on your circumstances.

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 16th 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**

Maps are still available from Fillerup should you wish to take part this weekend.
Super prizes to be won!

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



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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

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