St Mary's News

**Superkids Winners KS1**

Well done to our Superkids :

EYU- Emerson Austerfield, Vanessa Bosela, Milosz Korytko, Parker Mould, Winter Hill and Miley Davies

Class 2 and 3- Deacon Dhers, Antoni Korytko, Alana Firth, Lily Jagger, Andrew Miller and Charlie Walker

Class 4 and 5- Heidi Stevens, Niall Stanley, Frankie Ingham, Charlie Ledgard, Jasmine Dakin and Jenson-Owen Hinton

**KS2 Star of the Week winners**

Wk beg 6th Nov Jenson Lumb, Deacon Gmir, Lucas Murray, Evie Hemingway, Oliver Bleazard and Chloe Simmonds.

Wk beg 13th Nov Hollie Hinchliffe, Jayden Foley, Ellie Dakin, Caitlin Foley, Kay-Leigh Murray and George Squires.

**Remembrance**

Thank you for your response to the Poppy appeal, all our allocation sold out.

Class 4 and 5 represented St Mary’s with excellent behaviour and respect on Friday when they walked to the War memorial in Batley town centre and left a wreath. School staff were incredibly proud of them all.

Similarly the Mass held in school led by class 9 was also marked in a reverend manner. Fr Eamonn commented on the respectfulness of all our students.

**Morning Prayer**

There will be no Morning Prayer until after Christmas due to the stage going up for Christmas productions.

**Christmas shoeboxes**

Many, many thanks to your amazing response to the Christmas shoebox appeal. They were finally collected on Wednesday this week. A total of 107 shoeboxes have been donated. A special word of thanks to those families who donated more than one box.

**St Mary’s Church**

The Christmas Fair is tomorrow (Saturday 18th ) in the parochial hall and starts at 12 noon, There are many different stalls including : chocolate stall, tombola, Christmas gifts, repository, nearly new, food, Irish coffees, face painting etc.

Santa will be there from around 1pm and a fancy dress competition around 3pm. Please come and support the parish.

**Dinner monies**

Dinner money is paid to Kirklees catering service. Unfortunately across Kirklees there is a significant debt for lunches. They have requested that we do not allow a negative balance for dinner money. Please can you pay for your child’s meals in advance as Kirklees have requested that no school meals are provided to families in arrears. You are expected to provide a packed lunch until any debt is cleared. Kirklees may prosecute those who continue to owe money to their service. **Please note that it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to provide for their children at lunchtime, not schools. Failure to provide a meal for your child could result in involving a child welfare officer**.

On parent pay you can set up a text alert so when your account drops below a certain amount you will receive a text.

**Christmas performances**

The children are busy learning Christmas songs and costumes are being checked so it must be nearly time for our Nativity season.

Tickets go on sale on MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER- you can either send your form and money in with your child or pop into the school office. Tickets cost £1 per person- this money helps towards the costs of costumes and licences that are needed for each performance.

Unfortunately we are very tight for space and have to restrict numbers for fire regulations, therefore there are 4 tickets available for each EYU family but only 2 tickets per family for KS1 and KS2. To account for the extra numbers in KS2 there will be 3 performances as usual. If you would like extra tickets then you can ask for your name to be on the reserved list, please specify which performance you would like to be considered for - any tickets that have not been sold by MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER will be made available to the reserved list.

If you are a split family and parents would like to come on different days just specify on ONE form which performances you would like 1 ticket each for.

EYU- A Miracle in Town- Class 1 and afternoon nursery Monday 11th December at 2.15pm

 Class 1 and morning nursery Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am

KS1- Born in a Barn (classes 2-5) Thursday 14th December at 2.15pm

 Friday 15th December at 9.15am

KS2- The Magical Christmas Jigsaw (classes 6-11) Tuesday 12th December at 2.15pm

 Wednesday 13th December at 9.15am

 Friday 15th December at 2.15pm

**PARKING**

This week we have had 2 notes of concerns regarding parking. Mr Sturdy has observed a small number of parents either parking on the zigzags to drop children off or actually slowing down and allowing children to jump out. We have had near misses in the past where children have narrowly missed being knocked down so please do not allow children to be put in danger in this way.

The owners of Barfield House kindly allow parents to use their private parking space to ease congestion from the top road. Their only request is that their gates are not blocked as it prevents their own staff from being able to get into work. Unfortunately there have been a few occasions where the owner himself has been blocked from entering his own business premises.

Please do not misuse his community spirit in allowing school to use this parking area as consent may be withdrawn and no-one be allowed to park there.

**Dates to remember**

November

**Saturday 18th** St Marys Christmas Fayre in the Parochial Hall from 12 noon.

**Tuesday 28th** PTF meeting at 6pm

December

**Wednesday 13th** and **Thursday 14th** Santa Shop

**Monday 18th** Panto trip **(money to be paid by 8th December)**

**Thursday 21st** Christmas Jumper Day and **last day for pupils**

January **MONDAY 8th 2018** school reopens for pupils and staff