St Mary's News

**Performances**

A huge thank you to all our staff who have helped prepare the children so well for this year’s performances. Every performance across school was thoroughly enjoyed by parents, grandparents, friends and family. Thank you for your wonderful support in coming to watch the children and being such an appreciative audience every day.

**Pantomime trip**

Our annual trip to the pantomime is on Monday 18th December at Halifax Civic Theatre. We will be registering the children AT THE EARLIER TIME of 8.45am to ensure we get to Halifax in time for the start of the performance. PLEASE find alternative parking as the coaches will have to enter Cross Bank Road to pick up the children safely. The children will arrive back at school for a late lunch which will be a picnic type meal to ensure it does not spoil whilst waiting for our return.

Unfortunately we have had a significant number of parents who have failed to make any contribution to the cost of their children’s tickets. (You can still pay through parent pay) We have to pay in advance so currently school has to find £1000 out of school budget. We are really squeezed for money and to give you an idea £1000 is equal to the total amount allocated to buying resources for French, History, Geography and DT. Therefore, regretfully, this will be the last year we go as a school to a Christmas show.

**Parties**

Parties are week beginning 18th December. On their party day the children can come to school in their own clothes (no charge) but please make sure the clothes are suitable for playing out in still. Please look out for the lists of requests for party food, drinks, plates etc. We are always amazed by your generosity. Both KS2 and KS1 party afternoons are Tuesday 19th and EYU/Nursery is Wednesday 20th -you should have had a separate letter about changes to session times.

**Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

On Thursday 21st December we will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day We would like everyone to wear their sparkliest, fun festive jumper and donate £1. You don’t have to go out and buy a special jumper, why not decorate a plain jumper with tinsel, baubles etc.

**Christmas Craft Fair**

On Wednesday 20th December from 3.20pm there will be a craft fair in the school hall. Many different decorations and small gifts will be on sale for Christmas. There will also be cakes, buns, mince pies and other refreshments on sale too. All are welcome.

**PTF**

Many thanks to our PTF team who continue to work tirelessly to raise much needed funds for school.

They have attended every performance to raffle prizes, run the Santa Shops and provided refreshments for the children to enjoy at the Pantomime on Monday. They have also provided a present for everyone to receive at the Christmas parties. Their hard work is very much appreciated.

**Milk**

The final date for milk payment of £11.50 has to be made by 10th January 2018. This is for milk for the Spring Term

**Dates**

**December**

**Monday 18th** Panto trip **(early start)**

**Tuesday 19th** KS1 and KS2 parties

**Tuesday 19th** Carol Concert led by St John Fisher at St Mary’s Church. Starts at 7.30pm all welcome

**Wednesday 20th** EYU party morning**- all nursery to attend as there is NO AFTERNOON session**

**Wednesday 20th** Craft Fair at 3.20pm school hall

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

**2018**

**Januar**y

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

**February**

Friday 16th school closes for half term

Monday 26th school reopens

**March**

**THURS** 29th school closes for Easter

**April**

Monday 16th school reopens after Easter

**May**

Monday 7th school closed for May Day