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*"Called to love as God loves"*

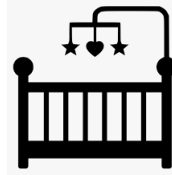
November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday was the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a special time when we get ourselves ready for the coming of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Each week in school we will light a candle on the Advent Wreath and pray for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. It is lovely to hear the children singing joyfully as they "get ready" for the long awaited return of our Nativity plays in school and our Carol Service in church.



We have joyful news to celebrate in Year Two as Mrs Peck and her husband prepare for the birth of their baby due in April. Our warmest wishes extend to the both of them at this exciting time.



Congratulations to the children in Miss Matthews' class who were presented in church last Friday. Miss Butterworth's class will be presented in church on Friday at 1.30pm. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers as they begin the next stage of their Sacramental Journey.



On Wednesday, our Year Six children will go on their residential to Robinwood Activity Centre. This is an incredible experience where the children get to challenge themselves, often stepping outside of their comfort zones from giant swings and zip-wires to piranha pools and caving. I know that the children will have a fabulous time as they often cite this as their most memorable experience when looking back over their time at St Mary's.



This Saturday is the Parish Christmas Fayre which will be held in the KS2 Hall starting at 1pm. This has always been a lovely event which brings the whole community together. There will be a tombola, spin the wheel, craft stalls, Father Christmas for the children, mulled wine for the adults and much more. Why not come and join us and pick up a few Christmas gifts to boot!



The PTA have been busy behind the scenes organising the Christmas Jumper event which will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Parents are invited to pop in school after drop off for a drink of juice and a cake or biscuit with the children to get into the festive spirit. All monies raised will support school fund (see letter for details).



We are delighted to announce the return of The Secret Room on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. This has been a much loved tradition for the children in KS2 who have the opportunity to pick a present for a loved one which is wrapped in school and can be placed under the Christmas tree until December 25<sup>th</sup>.



Our Early Years and KS1 Staff would like to say a huge thank you to Santa's helpers who were involved in Christmas wrapping last Friday morning.

If you would like to join the PTA or help out on occasion please contact one of the chairs, Kelly or Claire on the following emails

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Thank you as always for your continued support.

Ms M. Garvey

*Stay With Us, Lord, On Our Journey*

## Diary Dates:

### November dates:

Wed 30th-Fri 2nd Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip

### December dates:

Fri 2nd Y3 SB Presentation of children in Church at 1.30pm.  
Sat 3rd Christmas Fayre in school  
Mon 5th Nursery Christmas Craft Morning 9.00am - parents/carers invited  
Tue 6th Reception Christmas Craft Morning 9.00am - parents/carers invited  
Wed 7th Christmas Jumper Day- Parents invited (see letter)  
Wed 7th Christmas Dinner Day for children having school meals  
Thurs 8th Parish Feast Day -Whole School Mass 9.30am  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Y4 Brass Concert for parents 2.30pm  
Mon 12th EYFS Nativity 9.15am - parents/carers of REG/NAM/half NFT  
Mon 12th EYFS Nativity 2.15pm - parents/carers of REM/NPM/half NFT  
Tue 13th EYFS Christmas Panto (afternoon) - NAM to attend PM on this day  
Wed 14th Y1 Nativity Concert 9.15am KS1 hall  
Wed 14th KS2 Carol Service in Church 7pm  
Thur 15th Y2 Nativity Concert 9.15am KS1 hall  
Mon 19th Christmas Party for EYFS and Y3/4  
Tue 20th Christmas Party for Y1/2 and Y5/6  
Wed 21st School Closes 1.30pm

### January dates

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan School opens  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Deadline for Primary School applications  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Y6 Trip Stockport Air Raid Shelters