



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*"a place of educational excellence
with Christ at its centre"*

Autumn Term 2

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

Mrs Vale has been busy distributing tokens for the competitions running this term. You still have time to enter the Blue Peter badge competition. The tokens will be counted at the end of the month and the winning house will be going to the cinema as a reward!

We have started our Christmas rehearsals and the teachers will be sending out letters next week detailing what your child will need. Mrs Smith will be holding auditions for solo pieces for KS2 and would love more boys to come forward.

NMPAT would like the school to remind all that attend to ensure they have their instrument in school each week.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to secure the fencing booking after the current company pulled out. We have however booked in school sessions for years 3-6 for the first week of December.

Have a lovely weekend,
Laura Concannon.

Important dates to note...

Dates for the Diary:

- **Friday 10th November:** Remembrance Mass 10am in church/ Movies and munchies night 6-8pm
- **Wednesday 15th November:** Forest school in Shepherds class begins.
- **Thursday 16th November:** Badminton 3/4 Competition.
- **Thursday 23rd November:** Whole school Belgrade Theatre Trip for a Christmas Panto production of Cinderella
- **Friday 1st December:** Advent Service in school 10m.
- **Thursday 7th December:** Maths Reasoning Day- BAKE OFF
- **Friday 8th December 6-8pm:** Snowman Beetle Drive Fundraiser
- **Monday 11th December:** Flu Sprays/ Christingle Making in House groups.
- **Tuesday 12th December:** Choir signing in Banbury
- **Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December:** Parents evenings.
- **Monday 18th December:** KS2 Christmas Concert 1:30pm and 6pm
- **Tuesday 19th December:** KS1 Christmas Concert 1:30pm and 6pm
- **Wednesday 20th December:** 10am Mass and 2:15pm Carols round the crib.

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale

Early drop off for the Belgrade Panto trip

On Thursday 23rd November Mrs Turner will open the school gates at 8:15am and the teachers will begin to take in the children as soon as they are ready. Please book on Parent Pay.



Congratulations to our Hockey winners!



Maths Reasoning Day

This terms maths reasoning day will be on Thursday 7th December. Each class will use measuring skills to bake something and then I will pick a class as our bake off winners.



Christmas Fundraising at St Marys

Christmas Eve boxes/ Christmas Advent Calendars/ Christmas Wreath/ Christmas Cake/ Raffle/ Christmas Snowman Beetle Drive.

Please look on Parent Pay to see all the lovely things we are hosting this year to raise funds for the school.

Christingle time!

A Christingle is a symbolic object used in the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany services of many Christian denominations. Christingle, from a word of German origin, Christkindl, meaning "Little Christ Child", is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World".

A Christingle usually consists of:

- An orange, representing the world
- A candle pushed into the centre of the orange, then lit, representing Jesus Christ as Light of the World
- A red ribbon wrapped around the orange or a paper frill around the candle, representing the blood of Christ
- Dried fruits and/or sweets skewered on cocktail sticks pushed into the orange, representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons.

The children will be making these in their house groups on Monday 11th December.

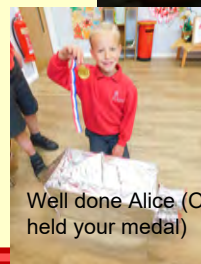


Value focus : Peace



Recycling Competition

Congratulations to our three winners!



Well done Alice (Ollie held your medal)

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