



# 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,

The Christmas rehearsals have begun! Children in KS2 will require a set of smart clothes for the Christmas Carol Service on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Mrs Vale will be outlining the costumes that the children in KS1 will require for the Nativity production on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Iley our chair of Governors will be joining us for the evening performances and is looking forward to seeing you all.

The Friends of St Marys has come up with a number of exciting fundraising opportunities for the school this Christmas. Please support these if you can as all the funds raised are spent on enriching opportunities for your children. The Snowman Beetle drive is the perfect opportunity to come together and at the same time raise essential funds for the Friends of St Marys account. At £5 a team its very affordable. Please see the details below.

We have come to the end of a very sporting term, the sports events through our BGN partnership begin again in January and will include our two final events that we qualified for! The school is gaining an excellent reputation for its academic excellence and its sporting prowess.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Laura Concannon.

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November: 10 am Mass in church lead by Year 3 and 4.**
- **Thursday 23rd November: Whole school Belgrade Theatre Trip for a Christmas Panto production of Cinderella**
- **Friday 1st December: Advent Service in school 10:30am- Year 3 and 4 to lead readings.**
- **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 singing 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

### St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Sport's Report

This year the school has again signed up to be part the North Oxfordshire Sports Partnership. Being a member of the partnership means that the school can take part in the Blessed George Napier P.E. Cluster fixtures calendar, which includes tournaments and competitions against other primary schools from Banbury and the surrounding villages.

The Autumn Term has been a busy one for the school, with teams taking part in cross-country, tag rugby, girl's football and hockey tournaments. All of the children performed brilliantly when taking part in these events, as well as in the inter-house competitions between our house groups -St. Bernadette, St. Joseph and St. Teresa - which were held in school to help prepare the children. Our teams have had some notable successes; in the Year 5/6 Girl's football competition, some close games and slim victories secured the team a place in the North Oxfordshire Sports Partnership Finals being held in the New Year. Also, the Year 5/6 hockey teams did extremely well in the In2Hockey festival at Wykham Park Academy, with the B team coming third in the cluster competition and the A team winning the event overall and qualifying for the Partnership finals after Christmas.

The New Year brings yet more fixtures including events, such as Sports Hall Athletics and boys football, so I look forward to giving updates on these and results of the girl's football and In2Hockey finals.

**The school needs your support raising funds for the Friends of St Marys which are then spent on exciting resources, trips and new opportunities for your children.**

**We have the following exciting Christmas fundraisers:**

**Christmas Raffle-** To be drawn on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December during the school Beetle Drive, Prizes include: The staff hamper, local butchers' vouchers, Christmas gift selection, M and S gift, Beautician voucher, Christmas Eve box, Christmas books, Pasta Lock 29 voucher and many more!

**Christmas Snowman Beetle Drive-** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 6-8pm, £5.00 a team. Take part in four rounds of fun, a prize for each round's winner, a bar, snack and the raffle will be drawn.

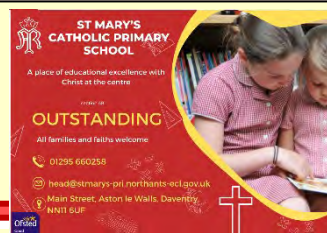
**Christmas Eve boxes-** boxes made up to the age of the child, they will include: Christmas socks, a mug, hot chocolate, Christmas coins, book (chapter book for older children), activity pack, beetle drive game, Christmas cookie making kit and all come in a lovely themed Christmas box. £18.00.

Mrs B will be on the playground after school selling raffle tickets, beetle drive places and you can also order the Christmas Eve boxes. All are available to order on Parent Pay.

## Value focus : Peace



Please share our school leaflet and spread the word about our lovely school. Contact the school office for printed copies to share.



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