



## NEWSLETTER ISSUE 7:8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's only seventeen sleeps to Christmas and I'm sure your child/ren are keeping you well informed of this countdown! There are so many Christmas activities going on and as you can imagine, it's extremely busy in school. Each of the classes participates in a community event throughout the year which includes Class 5 representing the school at the Christmas Lights Parade. They constructed beautiful lanterns and sang alongside the other local schools.

Class 6 participated in the 'Christmas Tree Festival' decorating a tree in the theme of a 'Christmas Carol'. St Mary's School choir were asked to sing prior to the Christmas Tree Lights switch on and both events brought great Christmas cheer to the local community of Falmouth. I would like to thank both Mrs Austin Smith and Mrs Mulcahy for their hard work and commitment in preparing an outstanding performance by the school choir.

On Wednesday, the whole school was buzzing with the unexpected delivery of Christmas presents which were strewn across the entrance of the building and one present was even on the roof. What on earth could have happened?! Well that was the challenge facing the children who had to use their imagination and all their creative writing skills. I was delighted to hear their excitement in the morning and was so impressed to read their wonderful narrative accounts in the afternoon. Many thanks to Mr Boyes, our English Leader, for coming up with this inspirational writing stimulus.

Next week we're looking forward to welcoming you to the Christmas performances. **Please note entry without a ticket will not be permitted** which doesn't sound in keeping with Christmas cheer and celebration, but unfortunately health and safety compliance is essential.

Our amazing, hard working FOSMs have raised an incredible **£1,800** at the Christmas Fayre. This money will go towards much needed school funds. Thank you so much for supporting this event and giving generously.

Warm regards Jacqui Scarborough

### DIARY DATES

#### December

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Reception Class Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm<br>Bags to School - FOSMs   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Classes 1 & 2's Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Classes 3 & 4's Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Penitential Service @ 11:00am for KS2  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Christingle Service @ 5:30pm   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | FOSMs Santa's Grotto from 3:30pm   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Dinner<br>St Mary's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary School Choir Concert @ 6:30pm at St Mary's Church                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Whole School End of Term Mass @ 9:30am<br>Christmas Parties from 1:30pm<br>Break up for the Christmas holidays @ normal time |

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Concert

St Mary's School Choir will be hosting a very special Christmas concert in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th December, featuring some special guests from amongst our past pupils. Entry will be free and there will be a retiring collection for St Mary's School.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be available in the Church Hall for the adults and other refreshments for the children.



## Sporting News

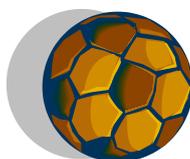
### Netball League

Well done to the A team, who beat Marlborough B team 7:1. The A team have done particularly well and are placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league. We are still awaiting the final results for the B team.

### Football League

The team have played two matches, the first against Mawnan Smith which St Mary's won 1:0 and this week, the team played St Francis and lost 2:0.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Admissions 2018-19

### Starting Primary School

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 then they are due to start school in September 2018. The deadline for applications is 23:59 on 15th January 2018. You can apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions).

Please remember if you are applying for a place at St Mary's School you need to complete a **supplementary form** (as well as the Local Authority application form) which can be obtained from the School Office or our website in the Parent Area [www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk)



## Vimeo - Christmas Performances 2016

We were lucky enough last year to have a crew from Falmouth University under the direction of one of our parents, David Smithers to film last year's Xmas performances. These will be available via a secure online platform called Vimeo. Further details will be available next week. There will be a small cost to access the site and all monies raised will go to school funds.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to secure funding to film the performances this year, but if the Vimeo initiative is successful we will consider continuing it next year, budget permitting.

## **Christmas Performances 2017**

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances. This year the performances are more low key and shorter. The programme for the performances is as follows:-

<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Reception Class</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Classes 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>2:00pm &amp; 6:30pm</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Classes 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>2:00pm &amp; 6:30pm</b>

Tickets have been issued but please return any unwanted tickets to be redistributed to those who have requested additional seats.

**PLEASE NOTE ENTRY WITHOUT A TICKET WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**

### **Afternoon Performances**

Parents and visitors are politely asked not to arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon before 1:40pm as lunches are served from 12 till 1:30pm. The hall has to be cleared and set up for the afternoon performances. Entrance will be through the green gate leading to the Reception Class playground for afternoon performances.

### **Evening Performances**

Entrance to the school for the evening performances is through the front door.

Every year we ask parents not to return their child/ren for the evening performances before 6:00pm as the school is closed until staff are back on the premises to supervise them. As all St Mary's pupils will have seen the performances, please ensure seats are for adults only.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **Photographs/Videoing**

Many parents and grandparents wish to take photographs and recordings of their child/ren performing for their own personal use. Therefore, if parents wish to photograph or film they are free to do so.

***Please note that any photographs or videos taken of your child are for personal use and should not be posted on social media without the permission of the parents involved.***

Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns about this before the first performance on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Help Needed!**

*We are looking for any Dads, who can assist with dismantling the stage and scenery early Friday morning on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please let the school office know if you are able to spare half an hour.*

*We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Walking Bus. If you are able to commit to one morning session, it would be gratefully appreciated. Please see the staff in the School Office.*

### **Xmas Dinner**

If your child would like to sit down to a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, including Christmas crackers, **please return the completed slip attached to the letter sent home by satchel post today, by 14<sup>th</sup> December** to enable our School Chef to prepare. **If you can spare sometime to help in the kitchen on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, please let the office staff know and we will get back to you.**

### **Christingle Service**

The annual Christingle Service at St Mary's Catholic Church on Killigrew Street takes place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm. This is a really beautiful service which brings home the true meaning of Christmas which all the family can enjoy. This is being organised by Mrs Shailes and Mrs Slater our School Chef and they would like an idea of approximate numbers in order that enough oranges are prepared. **Please complete the slip attached to the letter sent home by satchel post today and do include any younger siblings who are not at school, who will also be attending. Please return to the School Office by 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**



### **Library**

There is so much to do organising the books in the library and many hands make light work. If you're able to help, please let the School Office know. Thanks to those who have already offered help.



### **Breakfast Club**

It is with regret that the Breakfast Club will finish at the end of this term. It was agreed the school would pilot the club this term, but unfortunately due to the dwindling numbers attending, the club is running at a loss. Unfortunately the school does not have the capacity to fund this club and therefore the decision has been made to finish at the end of this term.

### **Vacancy - Kitchen Porter at St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

The post is for 20 hours per week - 38 weeks per year

We are looking for an enthusiastic Kitchen Porter to join our highly motivated and focused team in January 2018.

The core focus of this job is to assist the School Chef in delivering an efficient catering service operating to the highest standards of food safety. The post holder will do this by carrying out duties such as basic food preparation, serving meals, washing up and cleaning the kitchen and dining room.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

An Enhanced Level DBS Disclosure is required for appointment to this post.



### **How to Apply:**

For the application form, job description and person specification, please access our school website [www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk)

Alternatively, please contact the School Office Tel: 01326 314540

Closing Date for applications: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### **Bags 2 School**

FOSMs will be collecting bags 2 schools on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. Please bring your 'filled' bags for the collection. Many thanks!

### **Emergency School Closure Procedures**

It is highly unlikely that our school will close in the event of bad weather, however we strongly recommend that you listen to updates on BBC Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM or Heart FM for up to date information on school closures which will also be posted on the radio stations websites. We will endeavour to contact all parents via the Schoolcomms system. This system sends a message to parent's mobile phones. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please inform the school office.

Alternatively, log on to our school website for the latest details about emergency closure. [www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk)

In the event for example of heavy snow during the school day, you the parents are in the best position to assess the road conditions etc. where you live. If you need to collect your child early then this is acceptable. The school will remain open until all pupils have been collected.

### **Foodbank**

Last year we asked whether you would be kind enough to bring into school, the odd food item for the Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank. We are hoping to do this again in the lead up to Christmas and any items will be gratefully appreciated at the School Office.

### **After School Clubs**

All clubs are running next week, except Gardening Club and Drama.