

AUTUMN 2018

St Mary's

Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of term and Christmas is nearly upon us. In this newsletter I have collated some of the highlights of this term as a photo collage; this is just a small selection of the opportunities and activities that have taken place this term. St Mary's C P School continues to grow and improve every day.

The last few weeks with Nativity performances, the Deanery Advent Service and the KS2 Carol Service have given me many opportunities to reflect on how fortunate I am. I am proud and privileged to say that I am the Headteacher of St Mary's Catholic Primary school; I am blessed to work with an amazing group of children, a great staff team and be supported so well by our community. Children are one of the most precious gifts we ever receive and you choose to trust us with yours every day, I am grateful for the support you provide the school; when we work together (home and school) as a community really great things can happen.

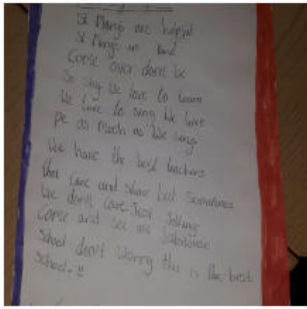
We talk a lot about 'learning to live like Jesus', and every day through the thoughts, actions and words of your children we see that Jesus lives amongst us in our school. One of the definitions of Catholic is universal; we have such a diverse community within our school that we really live out this definition every day. I have been moved to see children from all backgrounds, nationalities and religions wanting to play a leading part in telling the real story of Christmas.

All of the staff would like to thank you for all the kind words, cards and gifts received. Finally I would like to wish you happy and holy Christmas. I hope you get time to rest and relax, particularly once the festivities are over; and I look forward to seeing you in 2019.

God bless,
Mrs Irvine



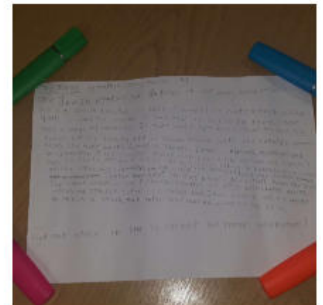
Autumn Term Photo Highlights



This academic year is flying by; it would be easier to list the things we haven't done this term, rather than those we have.

Back in September:

- we welcomed our Early Years Children in to our school family; as the term has progressed we have learnt so much about these children and they have grown in confidence and are prepared to really try anything.
- Upper Key Stage 2 visited Hastings to launch their topic A crime through Time.
- Year 6 took part in bikeability week
- We were visited by Year 5 from St Wilfrid's of Angmering who were evacuated to us for their Stunning Start
- Year 5 led Harvest Festival and a huge donation of items was made to Turning Tides in Worthing





In October

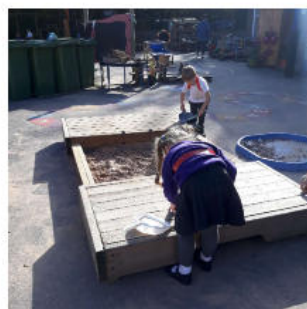
- Key Stage I had a Fire of London experience day
- Our Deanery Council representatives attended a meeting at Chatsmore
- Key Stage I visited Worthing Fire Station
- Key Stage I held a celebration of learning for their parents

The Uncle Jethers
 During the 1843, a wonderful boy named Franklin James was created. He had inky brown eyes, black eyes and an exceedingly skinny body. As he grew up he loved to read. Frank was practically a normal boy, basically like everyone else. Then a year later, came another part of the family, Jesse.
 Years passed and Frank James was 18, the civil war had began. Frank had joined the navy.



In December

- Key Stage I visited Antarctica on their Expedition Day
- School choir visited nursing homes to bring some festive cheer
- We visited the pantomime or had a Christmassy morning at school
- All families were invited to join us as part of Fab Finish Week
- EYFS and Key Stage I performed their nativity
- KS2 Choir sang as part of the Deanery Advent service at Arundel Cathedral
- Liturgy Team decorated a Christmas tree representing our School at St Botolph's Church
- KS2 held a Carol Service at St Mary of the Angels
- We all explored Christmas around the World
- We celebrated the term's achievements and attendance awards at Celebration assembly



Thank you for supporting our Winter Fair. We raised £500 which we will spend on enhancing reading opportunities across the school.

Thank you to the businesses that supported us by providing raffle prizes including:

Richard John
Nicola Miles Dance
Hilton Metropole
Flowers 4
Toy Barnhaus
Co-Op Stores
Amber Photography
Kerry & Andy



Congratulations to all those who received a Certificate in our End of Term Awards Assembly.

We presented 162 Attendance Awards for 100% Attendance and Punctuality, 100% Attendance and Improved Attendance.

Class attendance cups were won by St Clare (Gold) - 97.6%; St Elizabeth (Silver) - 97.2%; and St David (Bronze) - 96.6%.

71 children received Headteacher Awards for constantly and consistently living out our Gospel values.

Fatima were our House Point winners, earning 4,314 house points this term.

Fatima 4,314; Lourdes 4,278; Walsingham 3,953; Senario 3,528



Spring Term 2019

Start of Term: Monday 7 January 2019

Half term: Monday 18 – Friday 22 February

End of Term: Friday 5 April (close at 2.55pm)

Easter Holiday Monday 8 – Monday 22 April (inc)

Summer Term 2019

Start of Term: Tuesday 23 April 2019

Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May

Half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

Inset Days: Friday 21st June and Monday 24 June

End of Term: Friday 19 July (early close 1.00pm)

CHRISTMAS
BLESSINGS!

PEACE
JOY
LOVE
HOPE

