

St Mary's Weekly Calendar

More than just a school - Living; Loving; Learning

Week beginning 23/11/2020

PE



Coronavirus/Covid-19: Please be vigilant and keep an eye on for the Coronavirus symptoms which include:

- A high temperature (37.8 or above)
- A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you or a family member have had to get a test please notify us and then notify us of the results as soon as you can.

Advent: starts this Sunday - 29th November and we will celebrate this on Tuesday at 1.30pm with a whole school liturgy - you are invited to join us via zoom.

Each week children will focus on the meaning of the candle on the Advent Wreath (Week 1. Hope, Week 2. Love, Week 3 Joy and week 4 Peace) and use this as they "try to live like Jesus" as they prepare for Christmas. Mass to celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent will be live streamed from St Mary of the Angels at 10.30am for those who wish to watch and respond from home

Parent View: Please see the last page for a message from our board of governors and a note about gathering some feedback from you all about our St Mary's family.



The children are all working really hard to earn extra house points and the totals so far are:

Fatima	2614
Lourdes	★ 3525 ★
Senario	3030
Walsingham	2998

Children will need to wear full PE Kit on the following days:

- St Hilda:** Tuesday and Thursday
- St Luke:** Monday and Wednesday
- St Bernadette:** Tuesday and Thursday
- St Anthony:** Monday and Thursday
- St Clare:** Monday and Friday
- St David:** Tuesday and Thursday
- St Elizabeth:** Tuesday and Wednesday
- St Kateri:** Tuesday and Thursday
- St Josephine:** Wednesday and Friday

Swimming has been postponed due to the national lockdown



Monday 30th November
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET
Tuesday 1st December

School Advent Liturgy via zoom 1.30pm



Clubs will not be starting up until after the Christmas Break. They will be running as per the original lists. We will send out a reminder nearer the time.

Christmas cards can be brought into school starting the 2nd December on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only. **Please do not let your children lick the envelopes to seal them!**

Christmas Competition

The winner of the Xbox 360 hamper is Willow D!

This week's Christmas Competition is a name the baby game. To enter please buy a printed copy from your teacher or the office / gate at drop of or collection. It's 50p to enter and the prize will be an Angel themed goody hamper.



The winner will be drawn on Friday 4th December.

Reverse Advent Calendar: This year we will again make a school reverse advent calendar. For those families new to St Mary's this is a really simple twist on an advent calendar. During advent rather than opening an advent calendar and receiving a chocolate we invite children to instead fill our advent box with a small donation. Each day has a focus item, this year rather than allocating a set day to each class we invite you to choose a day (or two) when you feel you are able to donate something. All donations will be used in our School food bank.

	Tues 1 st Washing up liquid Washing sponges/clothes	Wed 2 nd Antibacterial spray Soap powder/liquid	Thurs 3 rd Bin liners Food bags/tin foil/cling film	Fri 4 th Shower gel Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Mon 7 th Shampoo or conditioner Tissues/toilet paper	Tues 8 th Sandwich spreads such as jam and marmite Microwave rice	Wed 9 th Squashes/long life juices Condiments such as salt/pepper/ketchup	Thurs 10 th Tinned meat/ham Savoury crackers/biscuit	Fri 11 th Cooking mixes such as Colemans sausage casserole Deodorant
Mon 14 th Tea towels Cooking utensils	Tues 15 th Cereals/cereal bars Custard/pudding rice	Wed 16 th Stock/gravy Sweet biscuits	Thurs 17 th Cake/cookie mixes and decorations such as sprinkles Cleaning cloths	Fri 18 th Fabric softener Soap

A message from our chair of governors

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to contribute to the weekly newsletter to say a few words about the governors at St. Mary's School. As for all Governing Boards of schools we have three main functions; to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school, to hold leaders to account for the educational performance and to oversee the school's finances. This carries responsibilities for safeguarding and health and safety, policy making, employment of staff and monitoring the wellbeing and standards of education of the children.

Governors bring a wide range of skills and experience and with regular meetings and visits to school throughout the year we are able to challenge and support where necessary. Regrettably the covid pandemic has affected all our lives and prevented us from visiting but 'zoom' meetings fortunately have enabled good communication for many of us, at home, school and work.

On behalf of the governors I want to thank you for all for your encouragement and support for the staff and the school especially during these difficult times.

Be assured that we are mindful of the anxieties that we are all experiencing in different ways. We are extremely thankful to Mrs Irvine and the staff for providing a safe, secure and caring school for your children.

As part of the school community, governors are here in a role of service and will continue to do the best for your children. We hope that you and your families stay safe and well and we keep you in our prayers.

With best wishes, Dorothy Rollason. Chair of Governors

Parent Views

As part of the monitoring schedule for the year our Local Governing Board would like to gather your views on St Mary's and have compiled a survey using the Ofsted Parentview questions - please do take the time to share your thoughts.

The governors will consider all responses and use them to support and challenge the school leadership team.

The link to the survey on included in the parentmail message for this newsletter so you can just click on it for access, the link is also on our website in the parents section. Please complete the survey by Friday 11th December.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bfn0oV14Zg0dt7bFWJJuSswp33AiZQKYZyr6rA3XGxs/edit>



Parent views
The Local Governing Board would like to gather your views on St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

* Required

1. My child is happy at this school. *

Strongly agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Strongly Disagree
 Don't know

2. My child feels safe at this school. *

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