



St Mary's Newsletter



December 2018



During this season of Advent we take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. The gift of Jesus given to us is shared by all. Our Nativities help us to welcome and share this gift that brings us all closer together as a Catholic Community. Thank you to all the children for all your wonderful performances during Advent and to the parents for your continued support and prayers. I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work, care and dedication throughout the year.

Car Park Reminder

Please ensure you park only in allocated spaces, not on the grass, pathways, or the staff car park, including ASC and BC. There have been some near misses involving children in recent weeks. Cars doing circuits around the car park are causing delays on the A10. This is dangerous. Please use the FREE town hall car park in the afternoons.

Our priority is to keep our children safe at all times.





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Friends of St Mary's

Thank you to all who took part in Bags 2 school. We made £152 which is a brilliant amount for the school.

A huge thank-you to everybody for your donations, support and time in helping to make the Christmas Fayre a great success. We really enjoyed organising the event and we were pleased to see so many of you there. The total raised was £3,937.37. If you have any feed back or suggestions for next year, please email friendsofstmarys@gmail.com.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

100 CLUB – Join now to help raise funds for the school and have the chance to win a cash prize.

The result of the November 2018 draw is as follows:

| Drawn by Julia Pearce & Sharon O'Toole | Nov-18 | | Prize |
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| 1st prize | 56 | No winner* | £25.04 |
| 2nd prize | 98 | No winner* | £15.02 |
| 3rd prize | 35 | No winner* | £10.01 |

* Winnings rolled-over to December draw

All of the November prize fund has rolled over to December! There is still time to join the 100 club and be in with a chance to win. Pick up an application form from the school office.



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Winter Weather

In the event of snow closure, a decision will be made by 7.15am and you will be contacted by text message very soon after that time. Please ensure all mobile numbers are up-to-date with the office.



Bury Lane Choir

Well done to the St Mary's School Choir who all sang beautifully at Bury Lane

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with the annual poppy appeal.

St Mary's raised £276.94



Christmas Cards

We will recycle your Christmas cards this year after Christmas and any old ink cartridges that you may have.

Please bring into school after Christmas to your child's class.

This will help to support Woodland Trust



Children in Need

Fantastic fundraising
St Mary's raised £1,048





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NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

Parent View matters - letting us know how we're doing

The governors, Mrs Pearce and her staff are always looking for ways to improve and your feedback is one way for us to find out how well we're doing.



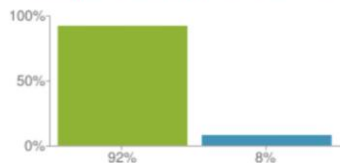
The best way to do this is using the **Parent View** system which is provided by Ofsted. Around this time last year, we asked you to complete the survey as part of the Ofsted inspection – however, these responses expire after a year. So, if you previously used the system to give us feedback, please do log back in and give us your latest thoughts.

If you've never used Parent View before, it's quick and easy:

1. **Navigate to the site** by searching for "parent view" in your preferred search engine or typing <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> into your browser's address bar
2. Click **Give your views** and follow the steps to **create an account**. (Note: all submissions are anonymous and the school doesn't receive your email address)
3. **Search for St Mary's** using the postcode **SG8 7DB** in the address field and click on "St Mary Roman Catholic Primary School" (or use this link to go directly to the school's specific link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/give-your-views/survey/25090>)
4. Answer **12 simple questions**, rating your answers on this scale →
5. **That's it!**



✓ 1. My child is happy at this school



You can view the aggregated results of how other people have responded to the survey by clicking on "Parent view results" and searching for St Mary's again or using the following link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/25090/current>

We would be very thankful for a few minutes of your time to add your feedback to Parent View whenever and as often as you like

To learn more about who the governors are, what they do, and how to get in touch: please visit <https://www.stmarysroyston.co.uk/our-school/governors>



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December Dates

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| Tuesday 4 th | EYFS Nativity, 9.30am (parents welcome) |
| Tuesday 11 th | EYFS trip to Father Christmas Audley End |
| Wednesday 12 th | Christmas Lunch Mince Pie afternoon at 2.30pm, choir singing at 2.45pm |
| Friday 14 th | Christmas Jumper day (£1 donation for Save the Children please) Year 1 and 2 Christmas party |
| Monday 17 th | Choir Richard Cox House |
| Tuesday 18 th | KS 2 Christmas Parties |
| Thursday 20 th | EYFS Christmas Party Real Nativity, 6.30pm for a 7pm start (School Hall) |
| Friday 21 st | <u>End of term, School Closes at 1.30pm (after lunch)</u> <u>there will be no After School Club</u> |



Monday 7th January, School re-opens at 8.50am