



# St Mary's Newsletter



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As the nights draw in and leaves fall, welcome back to this exciting and busy time at school. Christmas preparations are already underway and we are looking forward to the coming weeks

## Remembrance



We will be holding our Remembrance Assembly on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. I urge you all to come to this very special and moving occasion in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. This is a solemn event which is not suitable for preschool children.

Please enter via the side gate and Y5/6 cloakroom and be seated by 10:45am



## Children in Need Day

Children can come to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November in their own clothes. Please bring £1 for Pudsey.



## Admissions

Admissions open on 5<sup>th</sup> November for Reception 2019-20 places, please see our website for guidance.

<https://www.stmarysroyston.co.uk/>

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/school-s-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx>

For Nursery 2019-20 please see Mrs Clarke in the school office as admissions are dealt with at the school.



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## 'Wear a Woolie' for Save the Children

St Mary's are supporting the 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December this year.

Please bring a donation of £1 and send your child to school in a Christmas jumper.



## Harvest Mass

We raised £420 from the sale of our Harvest Baskets and the raffle, the money raised was donated to the Kanyike Project.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Please find attached a link to the Child net: Information and advice for parents and carers.

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Supporting-young-people-online.pdf>



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.



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## News From The Friends of St Mary's

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

The results of the September & October 2018 draw are as follows:

Drawn by Julia Pearce & Sharon O'Toole	Sep-18		Prize
1st prize	<b>16</b>	No winner*	£21.61
2nd prize	<b>53</b>	Ashley Cartwright	£12.97
3rd prize	<b>49</b>	No winner*	£8.64

\* Winnings rolled-over to October draw

Drawn by Julia Pearce & Sharon O'Toole	Oct-18		Prize
1st prize	<b>10</b>	Hans & Caroline Pung	£26.39
2nd prize	<b>16</b>	No winner*	£15.84
3rd prize	<b>94</b>	No winner*	£10.56

\* Winnings rolled-over to November draw

Well done to our first lucky winners of the year! If you'd like to join the 100 club, you can pick up an application form from the school office.

We have had a brilliant start to the school year with £267.50 raised from our cake and uniform sales. Thank you so much for your donations.

### **Up and coming events:**

8<sup>th</sup> November – Friends Christmas fayre meeting. 8pm at the Banyers. Please come along and help in anyway you can.

13<sup>th</sup> November - Bags 2 school – more information to follow.

24<sup>th</sup> November - School Christmas fayre. We are in need of volunteers to help set up, man stalls and tidy up after the fayre. Donations of toys, children's books, teddy bears, and toiletries can be taken to the school office. We will also be needing cakes on the day for our cake stall.

30<sup>th</sup> November "who hath let the dads out" Dads night. A fun night out at Rasa Sayang. For more information please email [ben.timms@gmail.com](mailto:ben.timms@gmail.com)

As always we thank you for your help and support.



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## NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

### News from our annual get-together with the staff and governors



*The staff and governors rehearsing their interpretive dance routine led by Mrs Woodford*

Every year, the governors and staff give up a Saturday morning to meet, talk about the coming year, and share what's happening in various year groups.

This year, we had the opportunity to experience glimpses of what life is like for year 6, early years, year 1, and nursery, led ably by Mr Pearce, Mrs Woodford, Miss Chapman and Mrs Anderson. Mrs Pearce introduced us to the chickens and guinea pigs.

Mr Pearce ran an exercise to show us all how marking of written work is reviewed in a group context. The governors also ran a Q&A session for staff to ask any questions they may have directly to us.

These opportunities are very valuable for staff and governors alike to get a better and broader understanding of life at the school.



*Disappointingly, we were unable to find the pot of gold in the school hall.*

We'd like to thank everyone who gave up their time to organise and attend the session.

**We still have a few spaces in our nursery for this school year (2018/2019).  
If you or anyone you know is looking at nurseries right now, get in touch  
with the school office to find out more.**

*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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Please Vote for our Aviva Project



<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-1464> - please follow this link to vote for our project. You can vote for free up to 10 times. To vote you have to register for an account then login to vote. Only the projects with the most votes will go through to the next round where the judges decide how much each of the successful projects will receive.

**Voting closes on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November so please be quick!**

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/sensory-area> - if you would like to donate any money towards our sensory area, click on this link and follow the instructions.

Please share these links with your family and friends so we can help the children's fantastic ideas become a reality, thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Pearce & everyone at St Mary's School

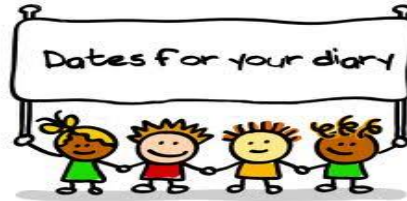




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**Please note that the December dates are provisional and will be confirmed in the next newsletter**

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Back to School
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning, 10-12 - Prospective Parents
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Assembly, 11am (Gate opens at 10:40am)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bags 2 School
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day (Own Clothes Day please bring £1)
	Friends Film night at 5.30-7.45pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Non uniform day (Please bring a Christmas fayre donation)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Year 6 Duxford Trip
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Fayre
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Panto Bus 2pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Nativity, 9:30am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Mass 2pm (Parents welcome)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Audley End Trip
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
	Mince Pie Afternoon 2:30pm (Parents welcome)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1 & Y2 Party
	Christmas Jumper Day (Own Clothes Day please bring £1)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Parties
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Parties
	Real 'Outdoor' Nativity, 7pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	END OF TERM - school closes at 2:45pm

**School Re-opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8:50am**