

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER – 13th December 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

KS2 pupils and staff visited Middleton Arena to watch the Treasure Island Pantomime last week. The show was very enjoyable and featured singing, dancing, jokes, treats and some 3D special effects! The children were well behaved and joined in with the pantomime fun.

We had our Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinners on Friday. Everyone looked fabulous in their Christmas tops and the dinners were very tasty. Thank you to the cooks who worked very hard to make sure we all enjoyed the food. The children celebrated with festive music and crackers, and it was lovely to see them chatting together and having a good time.

Just a reminder that our last school day this term is **Thursday 16th December**. Children should be collected at 3.20 pm as usual. Busy Kids will be available until 5.15 pm.

ADVENT

On Monday we are encouraging everyone to wear a pink item of clothing or a pink accessory for our Advent Pink Monday, after two weeks of wearing something purple. The pink candle represents joy and rejoicing as we lead up to our special Christmas celebrations.



We will be having our Christmas parties on Thursday afternoon – we hope all children have a great time with their friends and teachers before the holidays begin. Children can wear party clothes/non-uniform on Thursday.

PERFORMANCES

At present, we are continuing with our Nursery and Reception/KS1 performances, on Monday and Wednesday. New DFE guidelines recommend that visitors to school are encouraged to carry out a lateral flow test before entering a school setting. We would also prefer adults to wear a face covering when attending the performances unless exempt. Social distancing procedures will apply to seating layouts. Thank you for your understanding.

Performances are being filmed by a member of staff and recordings will be placed on the school website under a password protected page next week. In the interest of safeguarding, we ask that families do not film the performances.

KS2 class performances will be added to the website during the week.

RAFFLES

We will be selling raffle tickets in the office from Monday for a chance to win one of our lovely festive Christmas hampers, full of delights. Tickets are 20p each or £1 a strip. The winners will be announced on Thursday afternoon so prizes can be collected at hometime.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start primary school in September 2022, the closing date for applications in Lancashire is 15th January 2022. Please click on the link below for further details. Please can [Apply online for a school place - Lancashire County Council](#)

We also have places in our Nursery class for children from the age of three. Please contact the office for more details.

WEEKLY AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Alle Abubakr
Reception – Samuel Thoppil
Year 1 – Marshall Murray
Year 2 – Sway Fulljames
Year 3 – Liah Hamer
Year 4 - Noah Handley
Year 5 – Harvey Cunliffe
Year 6J – Mya Kershaw
Year 6K – Aiden Thomas



ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception	97.9%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	98.2% (Winner)
Year 6J (Mrs Jackson)	93.8%
Year 6K (Mrs Knowles)	97.1%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 95.6%



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

