



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*'We Pray, We Work, We Play'*



## Week Commencing 11th December 2017

Dear Parents,

In Worship last week we focussed on the first week of Advent and how Jesus came to earth for the first time at Christmas, and that he will come back some time in the future. Using the modern story of twins whose sibling is temporarily away from home, the children understood that we are waiting for Jesus to return. The Gospel explains that, although we don't know when Jesus will return, we should be ready for it.

Last week our busy Class 5 children attended the Carol singing event at Accrington Market on Tuesday morning before attending The Hollies Residential Care home in the afternoon to sing some more festive songs. On Friday they also visited the local Co-op supermarket to sing songs and raise money for school. Thank you very much to our parent, Miss Tweddle, for helping to organising these events throughout half-term. Hopefully it will be the start of another successful link with our local community. The Christmas Fayre was also a massive success. Thanks to the hard work of the P.T.F.A. and your generosity we managed to raise over £750.00! All of this money will go towards improving provision for your children in school and covering the majority of costs of trips such as the pantomime.

We have a very busy and exciting week in store at St. Mary's! Good luck to the Key Stage 1 Kurling team whose event is being held at Accrington Academy between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. On Tuesday we have the Class 4 Santa Dash at Wilson Playing Fields between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. On Tuesday night is the 'Churches Together Christmas Carol Service' which will be held at All Saints Church at 6:00 p.m and on Thursday evening is the 'Mount Carmel School's Partnership Concert' from 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to visit and support any of these events.

This Thursday we will be visiting King George's Hall in Blackburn for the pantomime 'Beauty & the Beast'. The buses will set off at 9:15 a.m. and it is essential that your child is in school on time that morning so that they can be registered and ready to go.

Our infant children are very busy preparing for their Nativity performance 'Lights, Camel Action'. This will take place on the 20th December. There are two shows at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. This year the Nativity is ticket only, no payment will be taken on the doors as our numbers need to be exact for health and safety. Each child is allocated 2 tickets for the afternoon production and 2 tickets for the evening production. Any further ticket requests will be put on a waiting list and any unclaimed tickets will be given out and payment requested the week before. The tickets this year are just £1.00 each which will cover the cost of costumes, script and performance license. Your children received a letter a fortnight ago but please call in to the office to get a new one if you didn't receive it. Tickets are on sale at the school office.

Below are the remaining dates for the next fortnight. Please note that on Thursday 21st December, children can come in non-uniform for the Christmas parties and Christmas dinner. This Friday is National Christmas Jumper Day but if children wish to wear one as part of their non-uniform the following Thursday instead they are welcome to do so. National Christmas Jumper Day is held in association with the 'Save the Children' charity. Anybody wishing to make a donation can send money into school over the next fortnight or you can find more information via [christmasjumper@savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:christmasjumper@savethechildren.org.uk).

**Tuesday 12th** December – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Churches Together Carol Service at All Saints Church (Choir)

**Thursday 14th** December – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Christmas Pantomime at King George's Hall

**Thursday 14th** December – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Mount Carmel Carol Concert (Choir)

**Friday 15th** December – 2:45 p.m. - Celebration Assembly – last one of the year!

**Tuesday 19th** December – 11:00 a.m. – St. Mary's Christmas Service at Church

**Tuesday 19th** December – 2:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Bingo event in the School Hall

**Wednesday 20th** December – 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – Infant Nativity

**Thursday 21st** December – 12:00 p.m. – Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 21st** December – a.m. & p.m. – Infant and Junior Christmas Parties – NON-UNIFORM DAY

**Friday 22nd** December – a.m. – Team-point winners treat!

**Friday 22nd** December – 1:30 p.m. – School Closes

Thank-you for your constant support for our school.

Mr M.S.Mashiter





# CELEBRATION NEWS



## STAR OF THE WEEK

- C1 Annalise & Theodore
- C2 Joey & Darcie Mae
- C3 Zeshan & Bree
- C4 Evie & Cody
- C5 Grace & Tyler

## RAINBOW AWARD

- C1 Kaynan
- C2 Charlie
- C3 George
- C4 Caiden
- C5 Erin

## Pat Quirk Award for Literacy

Erica outstanding written work on all topics

## Mr Gallagher Award for Maths

Arley amazing improvement in mental calculations

## Dairy Dates:

- 12th Dec United carol service at 6-7 PM at All Saints Church
- 14th Dec Panto—Beauty & the Beast at King Georges Hall
- 14th Dec Mount Carmel Carol Concert for choir
- 15th Dec Celebration assembly 2.45 PM
- 19th Dec Christmas Bingo. Doors open 1.45 p.m.
- 20th Dec KS1 Christmas production 2PM 6PM TICKET ONLY
- 21st Dec Christmas dinner
- 21st Dec Christmas Party Infant AM Junior PM
- 22nd Dec SCHOOL CLOSES
- 9th January SCHOOL RE OPENS

## ATTENDANCE TED

(week ending 8th December)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS

# 96.9%



## Friday Fund Winner :

Harry C



ST. MARY'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CLAYTON LE MOORS  
CHRISTMAS BINGO TUESDAY 19TH  
DECEMBER 2017 AT 2PM

# CHRISTMAS BINGO

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN LOTS  
OF PRIZES TO BE WON

Doors open at 1.45pm  
games begin at 2pm.

All the family are welcome to come and  
join in with the children

ANY UNWANTED  
CUSHION  
STUFFING WOULD  
BE MUCH  
APPRECIATED BY  
THE SEWING CLUB.  
JUST DROP OFF AT  
THE OFFICE PLEASE.

A photo from earlier in  
the week when our  
Class 5 children distrib-  
uted gifts from the local  
Co-op and sang carols  
to residents of The Hol-  
lies Care & Residential  
home

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays 11th 17th —December 2017

Bree, Milly, Maryanne, Tyler, & Freddy



**SCHOOL CLOSES 22ND DECEMEBER AT 1.30 PM. THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**



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