



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



**Week Commencing 9th January 2018**

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to all of our children and parents for the start of another new year here at St. Mary's. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed that precious time with your families.

It seems such a long time ago now but what a lovely final week we had at school last term. As part of our mission to get out into the local community more we visited a Care and Residential home and sang some carols to the residents. The feedback we got was amazing with many saying that this gesture would be their Christmas highlight. The children presented cards which members of Class One had created and spent time afterwards chatting and getting to know the people who live there.

On the last Tuesday we held our Christmas Service at Church and children delivered a selection of readings, songs and individual singing performances to the congregation. The following day, children performed their Nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action' as a dress rehearsal to the school and then an afternoon and evening performance for parents and friends. In just one day they played to a total of nearly 300 different people! How they still had the energy to keep going for the evening performance is beyond me but somehow they did it and we are extremely proud of every one of them! Many thanks to the P.T.F.A. for providing the free raffle at the end which was a lovely way of thanking you, the parents and friends, who support us in everything we do here at school. The P.T.F.A. also organised our second Bingo event of the year which was another great success. We managed to raise just short of £200 and plans are already in place for future Bingo events.

On the final Thursday, children had a non-uniform day and enjoyed the infant and junior Christmas parties. They also had a wonderful Christmas dinner prepared by our chef Emma and our brilliant kitchen staff. The children took great delight in being waited on hand and foot by the teachers!

Schools organise so many different events during this busy time of year and we are really appreciative of you giving up your valuable time to make sure children can attend them. We are also fortunate to have so many staff members who give up their time to attend these events without a seconds thought.

I would like to give a big welcome to our new teaching assistant in Class 3, Mr Mosses. He will be working 3 days a week this term after enjoying his time with us before Christmas. I am sure we will all help him to settle here and make him very welcome indeed.

Please could I give a reminder about the importance of making sure children arrive at school on time. We did have an increase in children arriving late to school in the last two weeks of the Autumn term and this led to them missing their Guided Reading sessions or other lessons which take place as soon as registration is over at 9:00 a.m. We have had examples in the past of children falling behind in their learning because of arriving late so please ensure that children are at school as close to 8:50 a.m. as possible so they can settle down in class and be registered on time. We appreciate your co-operation on this matter.

May I wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year as we look forward to working closely alongside you for the future.

Mr M.S.Mashiter



# Happy New Year 2018.

## Dairy Dates:

Friday	12th January	Celebration Assembly	9 am
Tuesday	16th January	Sacramental meeting	6 pm
Friday	19th January	Celebration Assembly	2.45 pm
Friday	26th January	NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY	
Thursday	1st February	Accrington Fire Station coming into School to do fire safety talk to year 2 & 6.	

\* Please note that celebration assembly can change due to different circumstances, in the event of that you will be notified.



We now have a fully carpeted infant area and it looks fantastic! ★



Parents meeting for the Sacramental programme is Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 6 PM in St. Marys School Hall.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** ★



Birthdays 8th –14th January 2018

Marley-Jae, Lawrence C, Kate-Leigh.

ATTENDANCE TED

(week ending 22nd December)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS

**93.1%**



**Friday Fund**  
**WIN £6**  
**every Friday**  
**£1 per child**  
**or £1.50 per**  
**family.** ★

\* Please can all moneys come into school in an envelope.

\* Please do not walk on the drive way, please walk on the path.

\* Dinner, Breakfast & Afterschool Club must be paid in advance or on the day. Please can any outstanding moneys be paid by Friday.