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St Mary's Newsletter 15.12.2023



As the term comes to a close, on behalf of myself and all the staff at St Mary's, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a restful and joyous break.

We hope you enjoy these final pictures of events this past week and we look forward to welcoming all students in the New Year on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and may the festive season bring you happiness and warmth.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert & Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the staff, children and PTA for a fabulous event, the children sang beautifully and we are so proud of them.









Year 5 Walk through the Bible

A big thank you to Jeremy Cole from St Michael's for coming in so Year 5 could show the rest of the school what they have been learning about the Old Testament and how they were able to retell key parts with actions.



Elf Run



St Luke's have confirmed that we have raised an **AMAZING £854.10** from the Elf Run .
Well done everyone for supporting St Luke's!

Silver Trail



The silver trail was a huge success the children raised **£126.55** for Caritas - Well done!

Foundation Stage & Key Stage One Nativity





Farewell to Mrs Dillon

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Mrs Dillon, who has been an amazing Governor and Teaching Assistant at the School and who we have to thank for creating the beautiful artwork in the Nurture room, she will be deeply missed, her contribution to St Mary's is immeasurable.

Diversity Calendar 2024

Please look on the school website under school information -equality, diversity and inclusion for the NAHT diversity calendar 2024.

Diversity Calendar 2024¹

Chapel Group

The Chapel Group made Christmas cards - remember all children of all classes are welcome to attend on Tuesday morning's at 8.00am in the Chapel.



¹https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/22722638



Mini Vinnies visit to Newton Court

The Mini Vinnies delivered a hamper full of cakes and goodies to the residents of Newton Court care home and entertained them by singing carols.





Diary Dates & School Trips

School Trip Reminders

Please pay on ParentPay

Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
£219.00 due 1 st March 2024	Redridge	5	6th to 8th March 2024
£105.50 due 15 th March 2024	Petty Pool	3	16th May to 17th May 2024
£295.00 due 28 th April 2024	Abernant Lake	6	26th June to 28th June 2024

Diary Date Reminders

Tuesday 19 th December	<p>Last Breakfast Club before Christmas 7.30am to 8.30am</p> <p>Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm All children to be collected at this time</p> <p>School closed 20th December to 2nd January 2024</p>
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	<p>School Opens 8.30am</p> <p>Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will commence, please book your places on ParentPay to request a place for January 2024</p>
Starting 8 th January 2024	<p>Sports, Forrest, Dance, Gymnastics clubs will commence and are open on ParentPay to request a place for January 2024</p>
Wednesday 10 th January	<p>Year 5 go swimming</p>

Stars of the week



Well done to all our pupils this week on being super star's this term and on their trip to the panto!



Upcoming end of term reminders

Attendance

Morning registration takes place at 8.30am each morning and school finishes at 3pm.

Good attendance is essential for pupils, pupils that are consistently late are disrupting their education and that of others and staff.

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time and has everything for the day ahead to reduce staff and your child being interrupted during the school day.

We would also appreciate if your child could be collected on time at 3pm, we understand there are occasions when traffic has been congested around Middlewich but so that staff are not delayed in their commitments, please ensure you allow enough time to collect your child from school.

Parent Contact Details

Please can you ensure the school has your up to date mobile number and email address, when urgent messages need to be sent out on ParentPay we like to send text messages rather than email so that they are seen.

Important Reminder - ParentPay Accounts

Re: Breakfast Club / After School Club / School Meals / Sports Clubs

Please can you check your ParentPay accounts for each child are up to date and in credit before the 19th December.

There are a number of large payment amounts outstanding and the office are spending far too much time in chasing them.

Please note this message does not apply to school trip items which already have payments schedules in place.

If you are struggling to clear your ParentPay accounts, then please contact the office by the 19th December.

Absence

Reporting an absence, please ring 01606 516 171 & select option 1, by 9am latest each day. State child's full name, class and reason for absence.

Email finance@stmrc.uk² for:

- ParentPay & School Club queries
- Medical appointments & Absence Requests

School Clubs

ParentPay online booking system for St Mary's Breakfast & After School Club is now live.

The cut-off date for Breakfast Club bookings is 11am the day before the booking.

The cut-off date for After School Club bookings is 11am on the day.

²<mailto:finance@stmrc.uk>

This is so that staffing and numbers can be set and managed.

Users will be able to cancel and make changes to their booking up until the booking cut off time.

If a child is picked up late from After School Club a charge of £5 will be made for every 15 minutes beyond the collection time.

After the cut off time, if a child is booked into a club and does not attend, the fee will still apply as the charge relates to the place being held not the actual attendance.

Clubs prices

Breakfast Club	£4.00 7.30am to 8.30am
After School Club	£4.00 3pm to 4pm Fruit & drink provided
	£6.50 4pm to 6pm Snack & drink provided at 4pm
	£10.50 3pm to 6pm - Sibling's price is £8.50

The Breakfast Club and After School Club number for emergencies operates whilst the club is running 0777 4496 483

Clubs provided by other agencies at the school - Sports / other clubs, when running, are charged at £4.00 3pm to 4pm and can also be booked by Parent Pay.

School Building Fund

Please can you help support us with termly pledge money from September. **This is £15.**

Each year every Catholic school is asked to contribute to the Diocesan Build Fund, this fund supports the building projects of all Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Shrewsbury, as we do not receive full funding for builds and refurbishments from the government.

Since 2021 it has supported our school at St Mary's with a new hatch in the foyer, sky lights, replacement gutters, resurfacing of the pathways, new boiler, garage repair, new dishwasher, steamer, CCTV, new gates, upgrades to school lighting.

The money you provide is also used to provide extra outstanding provision for our children throughout the year.

We would like to thank all those parents who have already donated, especially in the current climate; it is extremely appreciated by the school.

School Meal Price from January 2024

In July we wrote to you to advise you that we had been in discussion with other schools in the area and Cheshire East Catering Services and due to inflation and increased costs School Meals would increase in September 2023 to £2.50.

We are very sorry to send up a follow up letter so soon but Cheshire East Catering Services have notified all schools of shortfalls within their financial forecast, which has led them to introduce a range of measures to reduce the impact of financial pressures, which means from 1st January 2024 the paid school lunch will rise by 15%.

We have consulted with local schools in the area and in line with the majority, we will be charging £2.65 for a school meal from 1st January 2024.

Thank you for understanding and your support, so that we can continue to offer the school meal service in school.

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