

# ST MARY'S CE(C) FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

Helping Each Other To Do Our Best

Newsletter 08

3rd November 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. We hope that you all enjoyed your half term break. The children were excited to return to school and tell us all about their holiday. We are looking forward to another busy half term at St Mary's. Please see below for a list of key dates for your diary. Over the next week or so we will be focusing on Remembrance and the children will be completing some art work and written work to remember. A selection of the work will be displayed in our entrance hall.

## Upcoming dates:

<b>Friday 3rd November</b>	Pantomime payment and forms deadline—please hand to the office. <b>Please make your payment (via parent pay or by cash to the Office) and return your consent form if you have not done so already.</b>
<b>Thursday 16th November</b>	Flu Immunisations (if you have returned the consent form).
<b>Week Commencing 4th December</b>	Last week of clubs (Inspired, J Team) * EKO club will take place on Wed 13th due to Panto trip on 6th December
<b>Wednesday 6th December</b>	Whole School Panto Visit to Oakengates Theatre.
<b>Tuesday 19th December</b>	Last day of half term—back on Wednesday 3rd January
<b>Christmas Dates</b>	Christmas Disco—Thursday 7th December Christmas Fayre—Friday 8th December pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal—Monday 11th December pm Celebration Day—Church Service (am) and special visitor pm —Thursday 14th December EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance —Friday 15th December am Song by Candlelight (including Year 3/4 performance) - Tuesday 19th December pm  <b>All times will be finalised in the coming weeks Check the newsletter for further information</b>



## Clubs:

<b>Football</b> Yrs 2,3 & 4	Thursdays 3.15—4.15; starts Thurs 2nd Nov  Last session Thursday 7th December
<b>Multi Sports</b> Yrs 1, 2,3 & 4	Mondays 3.15—4.15; starts Monday 30th October  Last session Monday 4th December
<b>EKO</b> Yrs 2,3 & 4	Wednesdays 3.15—4.45, starts 1st Nov  No EKO Wed 6th Dec  Last session Wed 13th Dec
<b>J-Team</b> Yrs 3 & 4—age 7 and up	Tuesdays 3.15—4.30 Starts 31st October  Last session Tuesday 5th Dec

## Poppy appeal 2017

St Mary's First school is proudly supporting the Poppy Appeal.

Poppies will be available in school each day.

We also have a small number of poppy reflectors. Please visit the school office.



**\*\*REMINDER \*\***

Pantomime consent forms and payments must be made by Friday 3rd November. Please make your payment and return your consent form if you have not done so already.

## Christmas Card ordering

The window for ordering your child's Christmas cards is 30th October—6th November. To order visit the website [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk) and input your unique code (found on the sticker on the back of the artwork) and surname. The instructions on screen will then enable you to place your order.

### St. Mary's Catering Assistant Vacancy —9 hours per week, term time only

Please contact either Lisa Mills in the school kitchen or Mel Turner 07815 827389

### St Mary's casual cleaning vacancy

We are also looking for a casual cleaner for cover for sickness if or when needed. Please call Mel Turner 07815

#### Health and Safety

Remember, remember to celebrate safely!  
**Have fun, stay safe and attend an organised display.**

Bonfire night can be great fun for all the family but it is important that you celebrate safely.

We are appealing to everyone to take great care this bonfire night. We recommend that you visit an organised display. If you are having a display at home please make sure you follow the firework code.

You'll find lots of information and links at  
<http://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk>

#### Safeguarding update

##### Computer games and online gaming

Gaming can be a great way for young people to relax and have fun. Children can play on games consoles, apps or websites and chat to other players or watch them play through live-streaming.

However, there are some dangers and with so many games available to buy and online it can be hard for parents to know which are appropriate and how to keep their child safe.

The NSPCC offers many tips and advice for parents. The information available on the website will enable you to keep you up-to-date with the most popular online games, help you decide what's appropriate for your child - and help them play safely.

Please be aware of the PEGI ratings on some of the well-known and popular games. The age ratings are systems used to ensure that entertainment content, such as films, videos, DVDs, and computer games, are clearly labelled for the age group for which they are most suitable. Age ratings provide guidance to parents to help them decide whether or

### Christmas Fayre donations



We are kindly asking for donation for our Christmas Fayre this year. We would be grateful for bottles of wine (full please!) for our PTA water to wine stall and bars of chocolate for our chocolate tombola. Last year's fayre was a huge success and, with your support, we hope to match that this year.



#### Local Authority review

Towards the end of last half term, the school received a short visit from the local authority to review the progress made since our monitoring inspection in July 2017. The outcomes of the visit were positive and the actions taken by the school to address the key issues identified in our previous inspection were recognised. Further details of the review will be sent out shortly. Congratulations to the staff and pupils at St Mary's and thank you for your continued hard work.

Mr Thorne is currently still unwell. In his absence, Mrs Stanford will be covering this role, supported by Mr Swift. As you know, St Mary's operates an open door policy. Please make an appointment to meet with us should you wish to do so.

Best wishes,

*C Stanford*

Mr. D.I.Swift, Executive Headteacher

Mrs. C. Stanford, Senior Teacher