



Dear Parents,

Well, this week has certainly been one of the busiest yet! We hope that your children had a lot of fun at our annual Pantomime, Peter Pan and we thank you in advance for your support for our Christmas fayre. The children are in fine voice and are all practising extremely hard for the forthcoming Nativity performances, our Church Service and our Year 3 and 4 mini production and Songs by Candlelight event. We look forward to welcoming you all to these wonderful events.

Please ensure that you collect your tickets for this year's nativity performances from the school office if you have not already done so.

<p><b>Week Commencing: -</b> 4th December</p> <p><b>Upcoming dates:</b></p>	<p>This will be the last week of after school clubs before the festive break.</p> <p>The last EKO club will take place on Wed 13th and commence again in January 2018. Dates are: Tuesday 9th January until Tuesday, 27th March, 2018, 3.15 p.m—4.45p.m.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 13th December</b></p>	<p>School Christmas lunch (children only). Please confirm if your child would like a Christmas lunch. We cannot accept any orders placed after Monday 11th December. If your child is not having a Christmas meal, please do not forget to pack their sandwiches!</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 19th December</b></p>	<p>Songs by Candlelight 1:45pm start. This will include a performance by our Year 3 and 4 pupils. All welcome</p>
<p><b>Further dates</b></p> 	<p>EYFS/KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal—Monday 11th December 1.30pm</p> <p>Celebration Day—Church Service (9:30am) and special visitor pm —Thursday 14th December</p> <p>EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance —Friday 15th December pm</p>
<p><b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> Friday 15th December</p>	<p>We are all taking part in Christmas Jumper day to raise money for Save the Children. Children are invited to come to school in their fancy festive sweaters and Christmas hats for a donation of a pound.</p>

<p><b>Football</b></p> <p>Yrs 2,3 &amp; 4</p>	<p><b>2018</b></p> <p>T. B. A.</p>
<p><b>Multi Sports</b></p> <p>Yrs 1, 2,3 &amp; 4</p>	<p><b>2018</b></p> <p>T.B.A.</p>
<p><b>EKO</b></p> <p>Yrs 2,3 &amp; 4</p>	<p>Last session Wed 13th Dec. 2017</p> <p><b>2018</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 9th</b> January— 27th March.</p>
<p><b>J-Team</b></p> <p>Yrs 3 &amp; 4—age 7 and up</p>	<p><b>2018</b></p> <p>January 17th, 24th and 31st</p> <p>February 7th &amp; 28th</p> <p>March 7th, 14th, &amp; 21st EASTER</p>

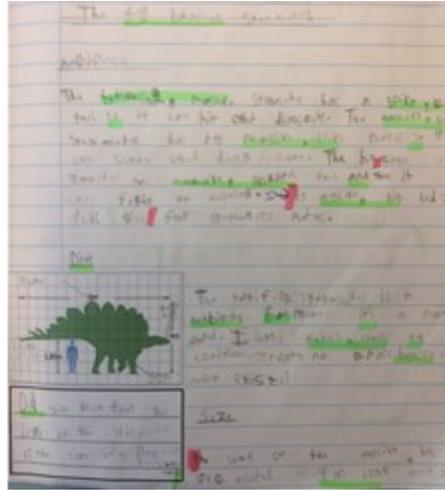
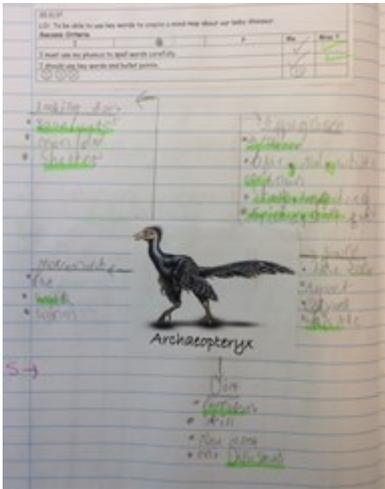
### Christmas Post Boxes

Christmas Post Boxes for each year group and staff are in place around school. Please call at the office for information on class names if required.



## NEWS FROM YEAR 2

This half term Year 2 have been learning all about dinosaurs. We have written information pages about all sorts of dinosaurs so if you want to know more about the gigantic, scary dinosaurs then ask us!



We have had an exciting couple of weeks, we were lucky enough to have a real-life dinosaur egg in our classroom. Year 2 looked after it so well it hatched! It escaped from our classroom so we created wanted posters to try and find it. Watch out Wheaton Aston there is an Archaeopteryx on the loose!



**2018 Newsletter** Please be advised that from January 2018, the school Newsletter will be sent out by email. This will help to reduce copying costs. To ensure that you are kept informed, would all parents please ensure that the school has their most up to date email address on record. Thank you for your support.

## Uniform!

Please ensure that on return to school in January, all school uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Thank you.

## TERM DATES

3rd January, 2018	First Day back at school
16th February, 2018	Last day of term
26th February, 2018	First Day back at school

### Church Service—Thursday 14th December- 9.30am

On Thursday 14th December we are walking to church for our traditional Christmas Service which will be led by Rev Rachel Dale.

We welcome any parents who would like to attend and ask that you should be seated in church before 9.30am.



### Important Parent Pay update

Please check your Parent Pay account and ensure that all balances are cleared. Failure to clear balances will mean that we will not be able to honour bookings for clubs, Nursery, Breakfast and after school club in January 2018. All sessions will need to be confirmed and paid with 24h notice by either child-care vouchers or on Parent Pay. This enables us to plan our staff to child ratios.

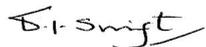
### Health and Safety,

As you will be aware, several weather warnings have been issued for this weekend and in to next week. Please ensure that extra care is taken on your journey to school and that all children are appropriately dressed and easily visible.

In the event of school closure due to bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, we will do our best to notify parents and carers as soon as possible at the start of the day, via text message.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

At this busy time of year we would like to thank all parents for their continued support. As you know, your children are at the heart of everything we do here at St Mary's and we will continue to work hard to ensure that our school continues to improve and develop so that each and every child can reach their full potential.

Best wishes, 

Mr. D.I. Swift, Executive Head teacher



Mrs. C. Stanford, Senior Teacher