

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



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## Dear Parents & Carers

We hope that you and your families enjoyed the half term break and were able to make the most of the mild weather.

As usual, the half term leading up to Christmas is a very busy time in school and we have a number of exciting events and activities planned for the children. Please do keep an eye on our Newsletter and Website for dates for your diary.

We have kicked off this half term with an Indian Dance Workshop. The children will be recreating the legend of Rama and Sita through music and dance as part of our celebration of Diwali. We always try to make the curriculum fun and engaging for our children as this enhances their learning experience. We are really appreciative of your support in this as, without it, we would not be able to offer such activities.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

Kind regards  
Mr J Thorne

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 7 Nov	Flu Vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Wed 9 Nov	J Team starts - 3.15 to 4.30pm Last session is 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Tue 22 Nov	<u>No</u> After School Club
Tue 29 Nov	Parents Evening - 3.30 to 6.30pm
Wed 7 Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip - "Sleeping Beauty", Telford
Mon 12 Dec	School Christmas Production - times to be confirmed
Tue 13 Dec	School Christmas Production - times to be confirmed
Wed 14 Dec	School Christmas Dinner for Children and Adults
Thur 15 Dec	Christmas Church Service School Christmas Party with "Special Visitor"
Fri 16 Dec	Songs By Candlelight 2pm Break Up for Christmas

## **NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROVISION TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

Please note that there will be no after school club on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November due to staff training.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Next week, a Booking Form will be sent home with each child so that you can request a suitable appointment time.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**J Team** dates for this half term are 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that the times for this club have been extended: 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

**Dodgeball and Football** There are still a couple of places available for both clubs.

## THE POPPY APPEAL 2016

This year The Royal British Legion is asking the nation to *Rethink Remembrance* by recognising the sacrifices made not just by the Armed Forces of the past, but by today's generation too. We are selling poppies in school in support of The Poppy Appeal.

## NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME

Information packs concerning The Child Measurement Programme are being sent home today with all Reception children.

## PTA NEWS

### BAG2SCHOOL CLOTHING COLLECTION

Twice a year, our PTA arrange a collection of good quality used/unwanted clothing and other items. A bag has been sent home with your child – if you would like additional bags, please ask at the School Office. All donations must be in school by **9am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

### DONATIONS FOR PTA CHRISTMAS STALL

The PTA are holding a "Water to Wine" stall at this year's Village Christmas Lights Switch On. If you can help by donating a bottle of wine, please could you bring it into school by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you for your support.

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

This Christmas give more than a gift by collecting FREE donations at over 3,100 shops and sites. You can help our school by doing your Christmas shopping the *easyfundraising* way. It won't cost you a penny extra but will make a real difference! Sign up at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysfirstwheaton>.

*All newsletters and school letters are now available to view and download from our school website.*

# ST MARY'S SUPERSTARS!!!

Congratulations to the following St Mary's Superstars. We are very proud of you all. Keep up the hard work!

For the week commencing 17 October 2016:

Headteacher Award

Deputy Headteacher Award Tyler Smith (Y3)

Star Writers:  
Imogen Hartley (R)  
Bella Roberts (Y1)  
Eadie Bawn (Y4)

Star Readers:  
Oscar Crossfield (Y3)  
Lucy Hall (Y4)

Star Mathematicians:  
Dylan Smith (N)  
Matthew Hall (R)  
Alysabeth Hyde (Y1)  
April Harvey (Y2)  
Jake Glover (Y3)  
Fearne Hanson (Y4)

For the week commencing 31 October 2016:

Headteacher Award Tinkerbelle Lewis (Y1)

Deputy Headteacher Award Noah Hodson (Y3)

Star Writers:  
Michael Pope (R)  
Freya Walkeden (Y1)  
Faustas Serapinavicius (Y3)  
Hannah Guy (Y4)

Star Readers:  
Matthew Hall (R)  
Harry Lewis (Y3)

Star Mathematicians:  
Tiger-Lilly Lewis (R)  
May Arthrell-Sweet (Y1)  
Noah Glover (Y2)  
Ben Cambridge (Y4)

Well done to the following children for achieving their Bronze Award:

Andrea Jasiunaite (Y1)  
Rivver Wilde (Y4)



## Stone Age Experience

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we went on a school trip to a local woodland. We took part in a Stone Age experience. We learnt about different Stone Age clothes, tools, weapons and objects. We also made our own arrow heads and fat lamps.

Mrs Stanford



We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Stevens who came in to talk to Nursery and Reception about keeping their teeth clean and healthy. We have been brushing our teeth carefully to make sure that we get rid of all the nasties in our mouth!

Miss Shinton