



# St Mary's News

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Autumn 6

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we showed our Year 5 and 6 children the virtual Deanery Advent Service and they were able to join in the prayers and the singing. I hope you were able to see it on You Tube and share in the start of our journey towards Christmas. We raised £400 for The Osborne Trust so thank you for your contributions!

I was very impressed by Blake class assembly this week which focussed on Advent. The children used drama, movement and prayer to guide our thoughts. It was a calm and peaceful way to begin the day and the children showed a real understanding of their learning. We hope to be able to continue to invite parents in to assemblies next term as these are such special events. Talking of which...the Nativity rehearsals are in full swing and there are donkeys in the corridors and pieces of hay dotted throughout the key stage one corridor. We are looking forward to the performances next week and have put on an additional performance so we can keep numbers below 48 at each performance for social distancing. It is always delightful to see our children performing and gives them such confidence. This is an experience they will remember forever.

Sadly, we have taken the decision to cancel our school Christmas Fair for this year, however our virtual Fair is being prepared by Mrs Brown and the FSA. Every pupil will have the opportunity to visit a number of stalls during the school day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. For this to be possible, we would ask for donations of the following and for a small payment of £5 per child, payable via ParentMail from Monday.

- Jolly Jars filled with wrapped sweets/small toys/stationery items. If you don't have any jars, please send in donations for the FSA to use to fill empty jars;
- Chocolate donations for the Chocolate Tombola;
- Items for the Grand Raffle. These could be unwanted gifts/bottles of wine/boxes of chocolates or perhaps you own a business, or work for a business and would be able to donate a voucher. If you're unsure, please speak with a member of the office team.

Thank you to everyone for buying raffle tickets, and for the raffle prize donations received so far. The draw will be live via Zoom in the final week of term – details to follow! The FSA have kindly organised pop-up shops for the children and have set up some amazing stalls. In the final week we will also have our Christmas Lunch and Crib Service so the school will feel very seasonal!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and hope to see you soon.

Best wishes, Mr Edgington, Headteacher

## Donations wanted!

Whilst our FSA are working incredibly hard to organise our Christmas events, we do also rely heavily on donations from our school community to help make them possible.

- ✚ We would love it if you could donate any new and unused items for our raffle, chocolates, wine, unwanted gifts etc would be perfect!
- ✚ We are also collecting for our Jolly Jars! Please bring in your clean, empty jars, bags of wrapped sweets, small gifts that could fit in a jar, or be creative and fill some yourself to bring in!
- ✚ Finally, please bring a donation for our Chocolate Tombola.

**Collections start from Monday and will run all of next week.**

Thank you so much in advance for all of your support!

## Cold Weather

**Please don't forget to send your children in with coats, hats, gloves and scarves in this cold weather. We do try to get them outside for playtime wherever possible so it is important for them to wrap up warm.**

# Christmas Activities!

## Nativity Performances :

- KS1 -Monday 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am & 1.30 pm  
-Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am  
-Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am
- EYFS -Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm  
-Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am

## Grand Christmas Raffle

This will be held virtually  
at a time to be confirmed

## Pop-up Shop and Stalls

This will be hosted by our FSA  
EYFS & KS1 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> from 1.00 pm  
KS2 – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> from 1.00 pm

## Whole school cinema trip

We will all be walking to  
the Picturedrome to see  
'A Boy Called Christmas'  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am

## Chartwells Christmas Dinner

We will be enjoying our usual Christmas  
dinner day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

## Crib Service

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm

**The last day of term is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm  
The children will return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**