

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Autumn 5 - 24th November 2023

## FROM MR EDGINGTON

Dear Parents and Carers

The floodwaters seem to be receding and rumour has it that even Tesco will be reopened at the weekend!

The last two weeks have been busy and very exciting in school. The Fireworks event was very successful and a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and came along. The FSA and office staff worked tirelessly through most of Friday and Saturday to prepare the event and were here late clearing up afterwards. A huge thank you to Sarah and her band of helpers! We had many visitors – including local people and children from other schools – and everyone was very impressed by the display and the items available to buy. If you would like to help with our Christmas Fair on December 8th, please email [fsa@stmarysbognor.co.uk](mailto:fsa@stmarysbognor.co.uk)

The children in Early Years and key stage 1 are busy rehearsing for the Nativity performances which promise to be wonderful events as always. Meanwhile Years 5 and 6 are preparing for the Advent Service at Arundel Cathedral at 6.15pm on Wednesday 6th December.

All children in Year 5 and 6 are expected to attend in uniform and parents are warmly welcomed too. This year



we are raising money for Sanctuary in Chichester which is the charity helping refugees and the money sent in for non-uniform day yesterday will be a significant contribution.

Yesterday evening's parent consultation about joining the Bosco Catholic Academy Trust was well attended. The Trust CEO, David Carter, explained the advantages of St Mary's joining the trust and parents asked some very good questions. To reassure you, there will be no change in uniform, name of school or teaching staff after St Mary's joins Bosco. The change will allow us to access more services and work more closely with other Catholic schools in the area including St Philip Howard Catholic High School. The governors will make the final decision around Easter time next year.

Finally, please take a look at the dates list in this Newsletter to avoid missing some of the special events in the coming weeks.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Edgington, Headteacher

## HOUSEPOINTS

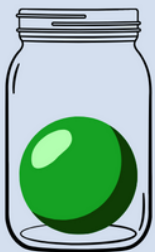
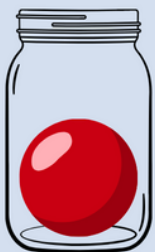


St  
Maximilian  
Kolbe

St  
Oscar  
Romero

St  
Kateri  
Tekakwitha

St  
Mother  
Teresa



490

569

573

456



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 8TH DEC / 3 - 5PM

SANTA'S GROTTO \* CHOCOLATE  
TOMBOLA \* LOCAL STALLS \* SWEET  
TREATS \* REFRESHMENTS \* MULLED  
WINE \* HOTDOGS \* BOTTLE TOMBOLA  
& LOTS OF FESTIVE FUN!



29th Nov  
Music presentations  
Seagull - 9.15  
Ocean - 10.15  
Beach - 11.00  
Blake - 1.20

30th Nov  
Regis Class  
Assembly

5th & 6th Dec  
KS1 Nativity 9.30

6th Dec  
Wheatland music  
presentation 1.20

7th Dec  
EYFS Nativity 9.30

8th Dec  
Christmas fair  
3-5pm

11th Dec  
Class Christmas  
Parties

12th Dec  
Y3/4 Fab Finish 2.15

13th Dec  
KS1 Fab Finish 2.15

14th Dec  
KS1 & KS2 Cinema  
Christmas Dinner Day

15th Dec  
End of term Mass  
10am

## UPCOMING EVENTS



St Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

# Cake Sale

After  
Mass

SUNDAY  
3rd Dec  
In the Parish Centre



# Family Fireworks Night!



This event was a huge success, thank you so much to everyone who helped to organise and run the evening, and to everyone who came and supported our school!



## Christmas lunch - Thursday 14th December

If you would like your child to have a hot school meal on the 14th December, this must be booked via ParentPay before midnight on the 30th November 2023.

If you are not yet registered on ParentPay and wish your child to have a Christmas lunch, please make contact with the school office as soon as possible, so that they can print an activation letter for you.

We unfortunately will not be able to add any children to the Christmas meal list once the deadline has passed.



We would really appreciate any donations of unwanted Christmas jumpers for our pre-loved stall at the Christmas Fair, thank you!

