St Mary's RC Primary Academy

DIARY DATES

Monday 17th December

Y2 Swimming CANCELLED

Tuesday 18th December

Y5 Class Liturgy 9.10am

Wednesday 19th December

Y6 Whole School Mass in Church 10.15am

Carol Service, all parents welcome 2pm

Thursday 20th December

END OF TERM 2

Monday 7th January

Term 3 begins

Y5 Swimming

After school clubs start for the Spring Term

Thursday 10th January

EYFS & Y6 measurements of height and weight

Monday 14th January

Y5 Swimming

Reception Intake 2019 - closing date for applications

Wednesday 16th January

Y3 Class Mass

Friday 18th January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 21st January

Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 23rd January

Y4 Class Mass

Friday 25th January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 28th January

Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 30th January

Y1 Class Mass

Friday 1st February

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am





Y5 Class Liturgy

Y5 will be holding their class liturgy on Tuesday 18th December at 9.10am, all parents welcome.

Swimming Term 3

Swimming lessons for Year 5 will start on Monday 7th January 2019 and will continue until the end of Term 3.

Family Mass of Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December 2018 4pm

All families and children of all ages and nationalities are invited to this first Mass of Christmas. The children will accompany Jesus to the crib. Children please dress up as angels or shepherds to herald the arrival of baby Jesus. If you would like to read at this Mass please see Margret Fretwell, Ann Larkin or Carolyn. Thank You.

Whole School Mass - Wednesday 19th December 10.15am

We look forward to welcoming friends and family to our final Mass in church on Wednesday $19^{\rm th}$ December, where we will be celebrating the $3^{\rm rd}$ Sunday of Advent.

Carol Service - Wednesday 19th December 2pm

Children across the school will be performing carols and other songs for parents and the whole school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Hot School Meals

Don't forget to order before Monday 31st December if your child would like a meal week beginning Monday 7th January 2019. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive a hot school meal FREE EVERYDAY! A School meal provides children with a healthy varied and balanced diet providing the right amount of energy to ensure that your child can work better in the afternoons. Take a look at Ideal School Meals website for an idea of the meals they provide www.idealschoolmeals.co.uk Lunches, like any other meals, should be nutritionally balanced and enjoyable. An easy way to help build a balanced lunch is to include foods from at least 3 food groups (vegetables, fruits, grains, protein and dairy/calcium-rich foods).

ATTENDANCE w/c 10/12/18	
EYFS	96.9%
Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	89.6%
Whole School	94.6%

Our attendance target is 97.5%





CLASS NEWS

Reception

It is the final week of the 1st 'big' term for EYFS, where has the time gone! In this final week we will be focusing our learning all around Christmas. We will be creating puppets so we are able to retell the Christmas story, making Christmas cards and decorations. This week we will also be practicing the Christmas songs for the schools Carol Concert on Wednesday afternoon. Our maths this week will be focusing on counting, number recognition and adding numbers to 10. Thank you for all of your support over this term, it has been a delight to get to know you all and your children. Have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all on 7th January 2019.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we will be going on a magical journey on the Polar Express in literacy writing descriptive sentences about what snowy scenes we see out the window of the train using all our senses. In maths we will be looking at measures such as heavy and light as we bake some festive treats and longer and shorter as we compare our Christmas paper chains. When we return after the holidays we will be doing the topic Moon Zoom and learning through non-fiction space books and the story Aliens love underpants. We hope you have a merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful new year.

Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we are going to write our instructions for pirate biscuits in English. In maths we are going to continue working on division. We have also got our carol concert next week which will be very exciting.

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we will be solving a Christmas maths mystery. We will compose a reindeer fact file and may even write letters to Santa. We will examine Mrs Day's fossil collection to complete our Predator's topic. We will be making Christmas cards as well as enjoying Mass at church and Christmas carols at school.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 will be completing their Viking poems before reading them in the style of a skald presenting a new work to mighty King Olaf. We hope he is impressed! We will also be making Anglo-Saxon houses based on our earlier designs. We had a fantastic trip to the Collection last week, don't forget to look at the photos on our webpage. After the Christmas holiday, our new topic is called 'Playlist' when we will be learning about bands, orchestras, choirs and using music to inspire our work across the curriculum.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we will be recapping our knowledge of percentages and will be working out percentages of amounts. In English we will be writing Non-Chronological reports about gold and all of its uses. On Tuesday we have our class liturgy, so please come and join us!

Year 6

We've had a wonderful term learning about World War 2, and this week we'll be using our learning about biographies to write a piece of independent writing. We'll also be taking part in lots of Christmas activities, including a quiz – it will be hard so make sure you revise this weekend!! We also look forward to welcoming friends and family to our final Mass in church on Wednesday, where we'll be celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Parent Pay

Thank you to those who have already signed up to ParentPay - In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to sign up to ParentPay to pay for school trips, breakfast club etc. If you haven't already done so, please visit www.parentpay.com and activate your account via the Account login area on the home page of the site. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.

<u>Twitter</u>

Our Twitter account is the best way to keep up to date with everything happening in school. Recently we have tweeted about upcoming events and even posted some children's fantastic learning online. Make sure you follow us on twitter @bostonstmarys. Did you know you do not need to have a Twitter account to view our tweets! You can see all tweets by clicking the link on our website www.bostonstmarys.co.uk or at twitter.com/bostonstmarys

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