



DIARY DATES

Monday 16th December

Y2 Swimming

Tuesday 17th December

Whole School Pantomime – Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Wednesday 18th December

Carol Service, parents welcome 2.30pm

Christmas Disco 5-6.30pm

Thursday 19th December

Y6 Whole School Mass in Church 10.15am

END OF TERM 2

Monday 6th January 2020

Term 3 begins

Y5 Swimming

Clubs start for the Spring Term

Thursday 9th January

Y4 trip to The Collection

Monday 13th January

Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 15th January

Y4 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Closing date for Reception 2020 applications

Friday 17th January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 20th January

Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 22nd January

Y5 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Friday 24th January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 27th January

Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 29th January

Y1 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Friday 31st January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and memorable Christmas and thank you for your continued support in 2019.

Carol Service – Wednesday 18th December 2.30pm

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

Christmas Disco – Wednesday 18th December 2019

St Mary's Christmas Disco will be held on Wednesday 18th December 5-6.30pm. Tickets are £2.00 per child in advance and will include a bag of sweets, a bag of crisps and unlimited squash. Tickets bought on the door will cost £2.50. The disco is only for children who attend St Mary's. Tickets are now available from the school office.

Whole School Mass – Thursday 19th December

We look forward to welcoming friends and family to our final Mass in church on Thursday 19th December at 10.15am.

Christmas Fayre

We would like to thank all our parents, families and friends who attended our Christmas Fayre on Friday, it has been the most successful fayre yet, we raised an incredible **£1,036.20** – a huge thank you also goes to all the staff, governors and volunteers for their hard work in making this event such a success. We would also like to thank all the local businesses that generously donated gifts towards our raffle. Thank you for all the positive comments and feedback we have received, this means a lot to staff who have worked tirelessly over the past few months.

Nativity Scene

Thank you to Miss Busby who made a huge donation towards our new nativity scene that has been lovingly crafted by Mr Heath's parents and is displayed at the front of the school - if you haven't already seen it, come and take a look.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your support with our Christmas Jumper Day fundraising event, we raised an incredible £81.22.

KS1 Nativity Performance

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the KS1 nativity play last week. Well done to our children who all performed brilliantly - I am sure you were as proud of them as we were. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped to make the play such a great success!

Afterschool Clubs

Please note after school clubs will finish on Thursday 19th December. Letters have been sent home for the spring term clubs, if your child would like to attend a club please return your slip as soon as possible.

Swimming Term 3

Swimming lessons for Year 5 will start on Monday 6th January 2020 and will continue until the end of Term 3.



Attendance w/c 9th December 2019

	Above National Average	National Average	Below National Average				
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
99.6%	92.5%	100%	89.2%	99.6%	98.8%	99.3%	97%

Our attendance target is 97.5%

Well done to Year 2 who had the highest attendance with 100%

Reception Intake September 2020

Children who are born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are due to start Reception in September 2020. Lincolnshire parents can apply for a school place from 14th November 2019 for the 2020 Reception intake. Applications are now open.

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Hot School Meals

Don't forget to order before **Monday 30th December** if your child would like a meal week beginning **Monday 6th January 2020**. 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).

CLASS NEWS

EYFS

Our Maths lessons are a selection of Christmas themed addition and number recognition activities this week, we will also have activities that use our newly learnt words 'heavy' and 'light' using scales. In Phonics we will be focusing on sounds that we have found a little harder to remember with the help of Stick man, who still has not got back to the family tree. This week he might be meeting someone with a red and white hat and a white beard. Our Giving Manager has shown us how kind and caring our class is and how we show our Gospel values in and outside of school. It is looking much softer and full of straw from all the missions the children have completed. Well done, keep up the good work!

Year 1

We are coming to the end of the Advent term in Year 1! This week, we shall be finishing our adventure with the Queen of England as she travels across London searching for her hat. Pupils will be completing a diary entry from the perspective of the Queen, as well as producing a poster to encourage residents of London to assist in finding the missing hat. In Maths, we are going to be looking at a variety of methods to tackle reasoning problems as well as starting our exploration of capacity. Year 1 will not have PE this week due to term finishing on a Thursday, so PE kits will be sent home with your child on Monday.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we are finishing our RE topic on advent. We will be retelling the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. In English we are finishing writing our recounts from our school trip. We are also including time conjunctions. In maths we are going to be telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Please practise this with your children.

Year 3

This week we will conclude our wonderful 'Tremors' topic during which the children have done so much fabulous learning! We've written fantastic stories and recounts about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius as well as newspaper articles about the Boxing Day tsunami. We've studied rocks and their properties, posed in the positions of bodies left behind in Pompeii and conducted an experiment using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to see a volcano explode! Next term we will begin our new topic called 'Heroes and Villains' in which we'll hear and learn all about some baddies as well as some truly inspirational people. Thank you to all the parents of the Year 3 pupils for your continued support and finally, the Year 3 staff team would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Year 4

What amazing skalds! Viking poets in other words. Combining rhyme, similes, adjectives and metaphors, Year 4 completed some amazing poems to impress formidable King Olaf. I think he would be delighted with your handiwork. During the last week of term, we will be making models of Anglo-Saxon houses, learning how to write and punctuate speech and continuing to think about God's gift of Jesus. Next term, our new topic is called Playlist, and we will be learning about sounds, music, singing, choirs and bands. Year 4 - why not do some research to amaze and astound Mr. Cooper and Mr. Maund? Enjoy your rest, relax and do some reading during the holiday.

Year 5

This week in Maths we are going to be revisiting and revising some of our learning, such as area, perimeter and angles. We are also going to be practicing our reasoning skills when solving word problems. In English, we are going to be identifying features of cinquain poems, before writing our own Alchemy Island themed cinquain poems. I hope Year 5 have a restful Christmas holiday and come back ready for a new year and a new term! Please remember swimming kits for the first day back.

Year 6

I would just like to say a massive well done to all of our fantastic Year 6 children for their determination and effort over the past couple of months! What a brilliant start to Year 6 we've had! This week during our English lessons we will be doing some independent writing about WW2. In Maths we will be using everything we've learnt over the past few weeks to solve word problems. On Tuesday afternoon the whole school will be attending the pantomime at Black Friars and on Thursday, Y6 will be leading us in our final class Mass of 2019! Thank you for all your continued support during our journey through Year 6!

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. **Did you know, you can pay any amount into ParentPay weekly/monthly to save for any upcoming trips/events, this is then held in your ParentPay account until you need to make a payment.**

Twitter

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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your child to have hot school meals please come to the office where we will provide further information. Take a look at the Ideal School Meal website for an idea of the meals they provide - www.schoolmealsonline.co.uk The deadline for ordering is a Monday for orders placed for the following week.

English as a Second Language - Classes

We are delighted to be welcoming Ian back to Boston St Mary's to hold our **new** English learning classes. These are **free** classes, open to all parents and carers, and provide a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends. Learners will also have the opportunity to gain an English qualification as part of the course. If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.