



St. Mary's Newsletter

December 2017—End of term



At St. Mary's we aim to provide an environment for all members of our school community where positive attitudes to learning and creativity are promoted and valued within the context of Christian belief and practice.

Core Christian Values: Friendship, Koinonia, Trust and Compassion.

Christian Values: Justice

This half term we have been focussing on 'Justice'. The display in the school hall explores what this means to us. 'But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.' Amos 5:24

Mrs Cooper's Award

Mrs Cooper's Award is a very special award that is presented every half-term to a child who has displayed the qualities discussed in our Christian Value theme. A huge congratulations to Molly Ruddock who was presented with the award this week.

FOSM Christmas Fair

Thank you to FOSM for all the hard work in organising our annual Christmas Fair, which was a resounding success. A special thank you to the Bell family for providing the delicious turkey and sausage rolls. Thank you also to the Key Stage Two children for making their superb games for us all to enjoy. Many thanks too for all your support in providing donations and joining us for the afternoon. We raised approximately a whopping £1500 which is an increase on last year! These funds will go towards providing more resources in school for your children. A great time was had by one and all, and the children especially enjoyed the visit from Father Christmas! What a tremendous effort and thank you to everyone for their time in helping run the stalls and for clearing up at the end.

Christmas Nativity

The Christmas Nativity was a resounding success and very much enjoyed by us all. The children were all fantastic and we have had many, many positive comments from those who watched the performance. Thank you to all the children, staff, parents and FOSM for your hard-work which resulted in such a fun and memorable evening. Please remember that for safeguarding reasons, any photographs or videos taken during the performance are NOT allowed to be published on any social media sites.

Christmas Dinner

A huge thank you to our cooks Mrs Kath Speed and Mrs Sandra Hays for producing 140 delicious Christmas dinners for the children and staff! Thank you also to the parents who helped us serve the children at their tables.

Governors

I am pleased to announce that Professor Kiran Fernandes has been appointed as our new Parent Governor. Professor Fernandes was the only parent nominated so has been duly elected. We look forward to working together to promote and maintain the high standards of education for our children here at St Mary's.

Attendance

I am very pleased to announce that our whole school attendance this year so far is 96.7%. This is above our school target of 95%, and we are looking to maintain this

throughout the school year. We have 48 children who have managed an amazing 100% attendance this academic year so far. In celebration of this impressive achievement, we will be presenting 'Attendance Star Award' certificates to these children. Each and every day in school really does have a positive impact on your child's development and education, helping them to achieve their full potential, so thank you for every child's good attendance.

On behalf of our children, staff and myself, I wish you a very merry and restful Christmas, and a happy New Year.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 22nd: Last day of term
- Monday 8th January: Term starts (no training day)