

Parents and Carers,



Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families and it was filled with lots of love, laughter and happiness.

It has been lovely to see you all back in school, ready to embrace what 2023 has in store for us.

New Year's Resolutions

The children have come back with so much enthusiasm and ready to learn.

On Wednesday we had an assembly about the new year and how a new year means we can make positive changes to ourselves.

The teachers and I have been so proud and touched by the resolutions the children want to make. They have all looked beyond themselves and thought about the positive changes they can make to help others.

For such young children this is a very mature thing to do.

They are most certainly living the St Mary's Way

Phonic and Reading meeting

We will be running phonic and reading meetings on Thursday 19th January to inform parents how we share books and read with the children. We will also give you techniques and ideas of how you can help your children at home to develop their reading and phonics skills.

We know that children learn best when there is a strong partnership between home and school and when we are all teaching the same techniques to the children. We want all our children at St Mary's to have a passion for reading and leave the Infant School being confident readers.

You will receive an additional letter containing all the information you will need about the meeting.

Books

We are selling all our old reading scheme books. This is because our new scheme requires books with only the sounds the children have been learning. Please take any of the books you want and make a small donation - all money will go towards new books for the children.

See saw

As many of you will probably have seen I posted 'Carols by Candle Light' on 'Seesaw' during the holidays. We will be giving you additional information on how we will be using the app for the children's home learning at the meeting on Thursday 19th January.

Happy Bag Collection

We have our 'Happy Bag Collection' on Wednesday 11th January 2023.

So, please bring in any unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, coats etc - and someone will come and take it away for charity. The more bags we collect the heavier the collection and the more money we raise for our school.

Two Job Vacancies

We have a Special Needs Teaching Assistant vacancy and a vacancy for a cleaner.

If you are interested please go to the school office to pick up an application pack.

Clubs

All clubs start next week.

Monday - Swimming and Dance Club.

Tuesday- Reception Sports Club.

Wednesday- Year 2 Sports Club

Thursday- Year 1 Sports Club.

We still have places available in Swimming and Sports Clubs.