



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you all.

It was a pleasure to welcome all the children back to school on Tuesday and to listen to their stories about Christmas. Today, the Epiphany of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas Season.

Music

Many thanks to all the people who made our Carols by Candlelight such a success on the last day of term. It was a beautiful way to focus our thoughts towards Christmas.

We have a new piano in the school hall which was bought from the money raised by last year's Year 6 children who sold programmes for their summer production. The piano will enhance teaching in so many ways. Unfortunately we are still in need of a piano stool, so if you know of anyone who would like to donate a stool please let them know.

New Year

The new calendar year is a good time to take stock of our rules and routines. It was so pleasing to see the children arrive back in school so smartly dressed. Please remember that if you are buying a new school coat, it must be the navy blue school coat with badge. Full details are on the uniform list. Recently we have noticed a small number of children wearing green and grey coats, which do not conform to the uniform requirements.

Parentpay

Please make sure that children's school dinner accounts are topped up so that there is enough credit for hot meals. The school office has noticed that in the first week back after the holiday several accounts are in debt. Our procedure is that if an account is in debt for a second day, no hot meal will be served. This can be upsetting for the children.

If you need help with Parentpay, please call the office on the number above.

After-School Swimming Club

Places are still available for this club, which takes place each Wednesday from 3.30 to 4.45pm. The final session will be Wednesday 8th February. Please log on to Parentpay to secure a place for your child. There are six sessions at £3 each.

After-School Homework Club

This club runs daily from 3.30 to 5pm. If you would like to sign your child up to attend, please ask the office to register your Parentpay account to this service. The cost is £5 per day.

Sporting Steps Before/After School Clubs

Please note there are no Sporting Steps before or after school clubs next week; these will start in the week beginning 16th January 2017. Flyers to follow.

Assemblies

Our Class Assemblies recommence on Thursday 12th January at 10.30am when the children of Class 6O will be presenting to the school. Parents are welcome to attend. The dates for the assemblies this half term are now published on our school website. On Thursday 19th January at 10.30am the children of Class 4D will present an assembly.

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Kate in 3B, Jeremiah in 3K, Annalisa in 4C, Lilianna in 4D, Bryan in 5L, Sarah in 5V, Hansel in 6C and Ryan in 6O. The Swimmer of the week is Cassandra in 3K and the Headteacher's award goes to Ryan in 3B.

Have a restful weekend.

With best wishes,

A.J. McDonald

Acting Head of School