

Dates for the Diary

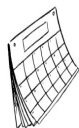
1st December - Disco 4.30-5.45pm
 8th December - Non-uniform day & Santa Soiree (5.30-7pm)
 14th December - 9.45 Christmas Carol Service in Church & Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
 19th December - EYFS Nativity 2pm
 20th December - EYFS Nativity 2pm
 22nd December - Last day of Term

Christmas Holidays

8th Jan 2024 - INSET day for staff
 9th January - Back to School
 10th-18th February - half term
 19th February - back to school
 22nd March - Last day of term

Easter Holidays

8th April - Back to school
 6th May - bank holiday Monday
 25th May-2nd June - Half term
 19th July - Last day of term
 22nd July - INSET day for staff
 22nd July-2nd Sept -Summer Hols



Poppy Appeal



Thank you so much for all your generous donations to the Poppy Appeal. St Mary's raised £173.71

Library Visits



Crocodiles and Bears visited the Library earlier in the week, and Giraffes have been today! They all had an "awesome" time (child quote!!) St Mary's children are loving their reading and all the new vocabulary they come across! Leopards will be going next Tuesday, and there will be visits for the other classes in the new year!



Friday 8th December



Non-uniform Day (and bring your wellies!!)

And please donate a Raffle Gift if you can

We will be asking for your kind donations towards our raffle hampers, which the PTFA team will make up and raffle off on Friday 15th December. It is a Rainbow/Winter Raffle. Each class will be asked to donate **one gift of a particular colour** on Friday 8th December. More info about raffle tickets nearer the time.

Red - Bears Orange - Leopards Yellow - Giraffes
Green - Tigers Blue - Penguins Violet - Zebras
Indigo/Black-Crocs White/Silver/Gold-Ladybirds



Reverse Advent Calendar

Over the last 5 years, the number of people using food banks has doubled, with that number set to rise during the Christmas period. We want to give back to the community in which we live in, and spread some St Mary's Christmas cheer. So, during advent, Penguins are going to be collecting items for their 'Reverse Advent Calendar'.

Reverse advent calendars mean that, each day, gifts will be donated instead of received. At the end of advent all of the donations will be taken to the Helping Hands Community Cupboard at the Heath Community Centre.



Kindness is at the heart of the St Mary's ethos and our Penguins are ready to be our youngest Good Samaritans.

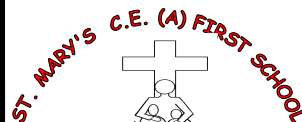
If you would like to help the Penguins, you can donate on any day of December, there will be tubs in the playground.

The Food Bank are collecting:

Tins of food, tea, coffee, sugar, crackers, biscuits, crisps, mince pies, gravy granules, Christmas food items, chocolates.

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Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

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The PTFA will be hosting **The Santa Soiree** between 5.30 and 7pm on the school playground. More info in next week's newsletter and on our Facebook page soon!!



Parent Governor

We would like to welcome Claire Weatherhead to our Governing Body, as the new parent governor. We would also like to thank Gemma Mackinnon for her commitment and support as the 'retiring' parent Governor.

LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024
4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 6/11, 27/11, 18/12, 8/1, 29/01



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Twirlers	Mild Chicken Curry with Whole Grain Rice	Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Drizzle Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers with Chips
MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish	Sweet Chilli Vegetable Stir Fry with Whole Grain Rice	Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake	Homemade Cheese and Leek Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Cheesy Bean Wrap Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	Mixed Salad	Green Beans	Broccoli	Peas	Baked Beans
PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta		<i>Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day</i>			
BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket		Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce			
DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding		Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes with Cheese or Beans			
	Toffee Sponge and Custard	Jelly & Fruit Slices	Apple Sponge Cake	Orange Cookie	Vanilla Ice Cream

Pick & Mix Packed Lunch, freshly filled sandwich, healthy snack, home bake dessert & a piece of fruit



Friday 1st December
4.30pm - 5.45pm
at the
Heath Community Centre
Children from EYFS - Y4
may be dropped off.

Nursery children will need to be accompanied by an adult please.

Parents who wish to stay and help will be **very** welcome.

Tickets will be on sale in the playground next week. Tickets will be £3.00 and this will include drinks and snacks.

Your child may bring extra money if they would like to have a tattoo (50p)

Attendance in School



We are aiming to achieve our 97% attendance target this term. It is so important that children attend school and not miss that vital learning. Our attendance has improved again on last week, which is fantastic. This week, whole school attendance is:

96.3%



Celebration Worship

All families are welcome to join us for Celebration Worship on a Friday. The door at the back of the Hall will be open at 2.50pm, you will need to sign in, via the QR code, then take a seat!



Thursday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day AND Christmas Lunch AND our **Carol Service** in church at 9.45am led by Year 2.

All families are welcome to join us to sing carols and hear the Christmas Story.

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December

Penguin & Ladybird Nativity in the Hall 2pm - tickets will be available nearer the time.

Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice in school, please check your child's hair and make sure you comb thoroughly to ensure these little creatures don't keep coming back.

