

### Dates for the Diary

8<sup>th</sup> December - Non-uniform day & Santa Soiree (5.30-7pm)

14<sup>th</sup> December - 9.45 Christmas Carol Service in Church & Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

19<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Nativity 2pm

20<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Nativity 2pm

22<sup>nd</sup> December - Last day of Term

### Christmas Holidays

8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 - INSET day for staff

9<sup>th</sup> January - Back to School

10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February - half term

19<sup>th</sup> February - back to school

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Last day of term

### Easter Holidays

8<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school

6<sup>th</sup> May - bank holiday Monday

25<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half term

19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term

22<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET day for staff

22<sup>nd</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> Sept -Summer Hols



### Reverse Advent Calendar

During Advent, Penguins are collecting items for their 'Reverse Advent Calendar'.

All the donations will be taken to the Helping Hands Community Cupboard at the Heath Community Centre.

**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.



### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December. It is a Rainbow/Winter Raffle. Each class will be asked to donate **one gift of a particular colour** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

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### Worship

We started the week with our Nov/Dec worship teams leading worship about Advent.

They have been learning about Advent with Jordan, our Christian Schools Worker, over the last few weeks. They planned their own worship, which the rest of school thoroughly enjoyed.

The Autumn Worship Teams attended the Wednesday morning Communion Service at St Mary's Church.

They enjoyed the service, and the congregation enjoyed the beautiful singing from our children.



### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

5.30-7.00pm



### St Mary's

### Santa Soiree



Once again, our fantastic PTFA team have been working really hard to prepare for this festive event - we do hope you will join us.

You will have had a letter this week, explaining the event in a bit more detail and you will have received your child's free ticket. What a lovely way to celebrate Christmas together. Wrap up warm in the wintery weather. Enjoy some stalls and games, (always a chance for us to fundraise!) have a hot chocolate and chat with your friends and family, followed by entertainment from the children. Each class have chosen a Christmas song to perform for you.

Tickets will be available to buy from our PTFA helpers from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, after school, outside on the playground. Adult tickets are just £1.00 and children's tickets are free.

### Reading Army

Calling parents/grandparents!

Have you got a couple of hours spare each week?

Do you want to come and listen to our children read?

If you are interested in becoming a Reading Army volunteer, please let your teacher know, or email the school office for more details.



# LUNCH WEEK 2 MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <b>MAIN EVENT</b>	All Day Breakfast Brunch Sausage, Egg, Hash Brown and Beans	Pizza Margherita with Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Mash	Chicken Chow Mein (Noodles)	Golden Fish Fingers with Chips
 <b>MEAT-FREE MAGIC</b> Vegetarian Dish	All Day Veggie Breakfast Brunch Veggie Sausage, Egg, Hash Brown and Beans	Golden Vegetable Fingers with Baked Potato Wedges	Super Veggie Pie Vegetable, Lentil and Onion Pie with Mash	Mexican Bean Wrap with Whole Grain Rice	Cheese & Onion Roll with Chips
 <b>RAINBOW ALLEY</b> Vegetables and Salads	Baked Beans	Green Salad	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans
<i>Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day</i>					
 <b>PASTA TWIRLER</b> Topped Pasta	<b>Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce</b>				
 <b>BIG TOPPING</b> Filled Jacket	<b>Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes</b> with Cheese or Beans				
 <b>DESSERT TROLLEY</b> Pudding	Banana Sponge Cake and Custard	Jammy Crumble Bars	Apple Crumble and Custard	Orange Jelly	Vanilla Cookie
<i>Pick &amp; Mix Packed Lunch, freshly filled sandwich, healthy snack, home bake dessert &amp; a piece of fruit</i>					

## My Happy Mind

During our PSHE lessons, we have introduced our children to a programme called My Happy Mind. The sessions are based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! There are a number of online resources available for parents. If you would like to find out more, just go to:

<https://www.learn.myhappymind.org/Customer-Parents-Resources-Activation-Code>

Enter your name, email and the activation code: 124344



### 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 guidance is, if your child feels ok in themselves, it is fine to come to school with a cough and cold. This week, whole school attendance is:



94%

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
every school day counts.

### 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!



### Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Tues 19<sup>th</sup>/Weds 20<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Road closure around school

We have heard that the one-way road at the back of school **might** be closed all next week. Please take care if it is, especially dropping off and picking up, as the other roads may be busier



### Christmas gift donation to the Oncology Ward at Stoke Hospital

Thank you so much for all your gift donations. We will make sure they get to Stoke Hospital in time for Christmas. We know there are a couple of special "elves" who will make the delivery!! You can still donate through next week, please drop them off at the office. Thank you again for all your kindness. #goodsamaritansatStMary's

