



**St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
(A Voluntary Catholic Academy)**

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Friday 30th November 2018

Christingle

This morning we prepared ourselves for the start of Advent this weekend with a beautiful Christingle Service led by the children. As a busy time approaches for us all, it is lovely to take time out to think about what is important to us.

Shoe Boxes

I have been informed this week that the final deadline for shoeboxes is Wednesday 5th December not the 12th as we were first informed. If you have completed any or have any goods to go in them, please could you drop them off in the school office.

This year we are going to try something a bit different and collect shoe boxes for the Rotherham Homeless. They are looking for shoeboxes for the elderly, for adults and for young adults. There is a sheet on the Parents' Notice board by the gate and on the website for suggested gifts and how to do it. Alternatively, please send any goods/gifts into school and we have some kind volunteers who will make boxes up of any goods that have been donated.

New School Logo

Thank you to all those who have voted this week for the new school logo. We will add the votes to those of the staff, governors and children which are taking place today and let you know the final result next week. There's still time to have your say today if you haven't yet voted.

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Twitter

Please remember to follow the school on twitter @stmarys_maltby to see what we have been up to and to share our latest stories. If you would like help setting it up, please see me.



Christmas Fayre – Friday 7th December 3:30pm

A big thank you to everyone for their donations today for the sweet tombola. We have a wonderful array of treats. Next Friday is the Fayre itself. It is wear something Christmassy / Sparkly in return for cakes / buns for the café / cake stall. Most of the stalls are kindly being manned by staff from school. However, should you be able to offer a bit of time, please give your name to the office and we will gladly assign you a role.

Year 5 and Year 6 Altar Servers

If your child is baptised Catholic and in Year 5 or Year 6, we would love for them to be an altar server and serve regularly at Mass. There is a practice on Sunday 9th December at 10am for half an hour at St. Mary's Church. It is being led by Mrs. Clare Cope. Please consider going along and seeing how you can help the Church.

First Holy Communion Date

I can confirm that the First Holy Communion date for 2019 is Sunday 19th May 2019.

Dates for the end of this Year

Thurs 6th Dec – Advent Mass 10:30am (in school)
Fri 7th Dec – Christmas Fayre – 3:30pm
Tues 11th Dec – Foundation Stage Christmas Performance – 9:30am
Thurs 13th Dec – KS1 Nativity 9:30am
Tues 18th Dec – Christmas Party Day – Children to wear own clothes
Thurs 20th Dec – Y1 and Y2 trip to Cast Theatre 12pm
Thurs 20th Dec – KS2 Carol Concert for Senior Citizens – 2pm
Fri 21st Dec – KS2 Carol Concert for Parents – 1:30pm
Fri 21st Dec – **School closes for Christmas holidays – 2:30pm**

Attendance

Well done to Years 4 and 6 who have achieved the best attendance this week.

| | Whole School | F2 | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
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| % attendance | 94.5 | 82.9 | 92.1 | 91.9 | 93.6 | 97.5 | 95.7 | 97.5 |

Thank you as always for all your support and cooperation

Mr. N. Harris
Headteacher

