24 November 2016 Newsletter no.6

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents and carers for the support given this Monday. It is never an easy decision to close, but we have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our children and workforce. Your understanding was very much appreciated. Please take this opportunity to ensure that we have the correct emergency contact details for you, and pop into the office if any amendments are required.

We are hoping to implement a new SMS text message system shortly, which will help in the event of any other incidents like Monday. It will also enable us to contact you and pass information on in a more timely manner. Please look out for a test message which will be sent to the main contact's mobile number in the next 48 hours. If this message does not arrive, please inform the school office from Monday onwards next week.

Please remember to contact the school office (a message can always be left) and inform us if your child will not be at school. We will call you if we have not heard from you after the registers have closed, as we are duty-bound to check the welfare of your child. If we are unable to make contact, we may do a home visit to check welfare and ensure that nothing untoward has happened.

A reminder that Parent's Evening's are taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Please make an appointment if you haven't already done so. Class teacher's now hold the lists with the available time slots on, so please speak to your child's teacher to make an appointment.

**Clubs**

Please see below as to when your child’s club will finish for Christmas.

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| **Club** | **When** | **Last date of club** |
| Story Club | Monday 3.30-4.30 | FINISHED |
| Netball | Tuesday 3.30-4.30 | FINISHED |
| ART | Wednesday3.30-4.30 | FINISHED |
| Football | Thursday 3.30-4.30 | FINISHED |
| Chess | Friday lunchtime | FINISHED |
| Running club | Monday lunchtime | FINISHED |
| String starters | Thursday 3.30-4.15 | Thursday 1st December(please could **ALL** string players who will be playing in the concert attend this session too). |
| Choir | Thursday 3.30-4.30 | Thursday November 24th |
| Orchestra | Monday 3.30-4.30 | FINISHED |
| Gymnastics | Wednesday 3.30-4.30 | Wednesday 7th December (not on next week due to parents evening) |
| Football (Mr Clarke) | Thursday 3.30-4.30 | Thursday 8th December |
| Mulitskills | Monday 3.30-4.30 | Monday 5th December |
| Music Seeds | Thursday 8.25-8.55 | Thursday 8th December |

Although Choir on a Thursday will have finished for this term after today, Mrs Burrough would like both Choir and orchestra to attend a rehearsal on Friday 2nd December after school ready for the concert on Saturday 3rd December. Please make sure children have their instruments and music.  The flutes will also be rehearsing The first Nowell on this day so please make sure they have their instruments in school.

We will put a copy of the grid on the St Mary’s notice board in the playground and also on the gate so you can check to see what is happening.

**Governors drop in session.**

The governors at St Mary's are holding a parents' drop-in meeting in the school library on Thursday the 8th December at 3.30pm. This follows on from the couple of successful drop-ins that were held in the Summer term. The informal meeting on the 8th will give parents and carers a chance to understand further and/or raise questions about some of the broader issues affecting St Mary's.'

**Colder weather**

Now the weather is turning cooler, please could you make sure your child comes to school with a coat.

**School trends**

Please note, if you would like to order any school uniform the deadline is this Sunday 27th November.

**Last day of term**

Please note on the Friday 16th December we will be closing the school at 1.30. Please collect your children in the normal way at this time.

**Christmas holiday camp**

Please find attached details of Mr Murnane’s holiday camp which will run over the Christmas holidays.

**Dates for your diary**

* **Saturday 26th November** 10.00-12.30. PTFA Christmas Fayre in the school hall.
* **Monday 28th November**. Owls Class gymnastics festival.
* **Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th November.** Parents evening. If you have not yet booked your slot please see your teacher directly as they have the list of available slots.
* **Wednesday 30th November.** Robins Class Trip to Magdalen Farm.
* **Friday 2nd December.** PTFAChristmas shopping day at school.
* **Monday 5th December.** Dress rehearsal for KS1 Nativity.
* **Tuesday 6th December 2pm.** KS1 Nativity.
* **Wednesday 7th December. 6pm.** Nativity performance**.**
* **Tuesday 13 December 9.30-10.15.** Carol Service in Church.
* **Tuesday 13th December.** Christmas lunch.
* **Thursday 15th December 1.30-3.00pm.** Christmas party.

Yours truly

Frances Guppy

Executive Headteacher