



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022



It has been a busy week preparing for Christmas. I am going to miss the beautiful sound of the children practicing for their nativity, it has been so festive. As we move into the last week of the term, we continue to shake off coughs and colds and be increasingly mindful about doing our bit to stop the spread of the germs. Recent advice has advised schools to create airflows, clean regularly, wash hands and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues, which are all areas we identified and actioned a few weeks ago. We will keep you updated and share if we have two or more cases 10 days apart but please be vigilant at home of the symptoms (see previous emails) and keep yourselves and our families safe.

We have got lots planned for the next week, and we look forward to seeing parents and carers for the carols and advent services. There will be a Mass on the last Friday at 9.30am and it would be lovely if you could join us.

It is getting colder now and we have the bags of salt ready if needed. Please remember to bring in thick coats, hats and gloves to keep warm during playtimes. Outdoor activity is an important part of the day but we do need to make sure children are dressed appropriately.

Robin Class this week have been doing lots of Christmas crafts. They have also been talking in class on how we prepare for Christmas and what our Christmas family traditions are. All the children in Robins really enjoyed the Lyme Regis band that visited this week.

This week in Woodpecker class it has been Nativity week! They have loved wearing their costumes, going on stage and performing to their grownups and to the rest of the school. All of the children aimed high and were super stars!

Owl class have had another busy week in the lead up to Christmas. As well as practising and performing our nativity along with Woodpecker Class, we have been finishing our unit of shapes in maths and we have begun writing our own poem in English. Owl class have enjoyed putting their pop-up books together in DT, the children will be able to bring these home next week to share with you.

Kestrel class have been exploring chemical changes in science this week. They have investigated what happens to different materials when they are burnt. Kestrels have been practicing their singing for the advent service next week as well as creating artwork for it.

In Eagles class this week we have been turning excerpts from Roald Dahl's book, 'Boy' into diary entries. We have also begun writing a biography about Roald Dahl. We really enjoyed watching the Ks1 nativity and the children have loved delivering cards from the post box to all of the other classes.

## PE class days- Autumn term

- \*Robin Class Monday-Wednesday
- \*Woodpecker Class Monday-Tuesday
- \*Owl class Monday-Wednesday
- \*Kestrel class Thursday – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> is last swim for kestrels
- \*Eagle class Wednesday-Thursday

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Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

## Dates for your diary

### 13<sup>th</sup> December-

- \*Eagle and Kestrel Advent Service
- \*Evening music concert

### 14<sup>th</sup> December-

- \*Robin class Christmas celebration
- \*Christmas Lunch
- \*Afternoon carol service

### 16<sup>th</sup> December-

- \*Last day of term
- \*non-uniform day and our chocolate raffle. Tickets still for sale in school office.

**Reminder that there are no clubs next week**

St Mary's Values			
Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Responsible	Caring	Value each other
Aim high		Have a go	
Curious		Self-belief	

## Summary of this week's activities

I would like to thank you all for the lovely afternoon we had on Tuesday with St Mary's School Choir. The residents of Silverleigh Care Home had such a wonderful time. It was so lovely to spend time and sing together.

A special thank you from us to Mr Jacobs and the pupils who performed so well. The choir was absolutely stunning, you made many people very happy. Well done! (More photos can be found on the website)

From Silverleigh Care Home



Thank you very much for the warm welcome we received this morning. It was an absolute pleasure to play for your pupils and to meet them all. The delight on their faces when they managed to get a note out of the instruments was amazing! Once again many thanks for having us. Best wishes to all your staff and pupils.

From Lyme Regis Town Band.



The children loved taking part in the Colyton Grammar Maths outreach program this week. We look forward to more planned opportunities to work with the school and provide some exciting experiences for the children.



### Stars of the week!

Robin class - Ashley

Woodpecker class – Whole of Woodpecker class

Owl class – Whole of Owl class

Kestrel class - Grace

Eagle class – Daniel

Head Teacher award – Freya

Thank you for the selection boxes we have already received, if you have not yet shared your donation there is still time to deliver them to the office.



During the first week of holidays 19th -23rd, Waffle House will be taking Santa to families in the community, to visit children that, for whatever reason, might not be able to visit Santa this year or simply have had a tough year.

Santa and an Elf will arrive at an arranged time for a 10-minute doorstep visit to handover a small present and have a little chat.

If that is something that you think could benefit your family or a family you are in contact with, please contact [community@waffle.org.uk](mailto:community@waffle.org.uk) and they will make arrangements from there.

### Homework

#### Woodpecker:

IXL: to continue with this week's work in maths

Maths

Yr1- D1-19

Yr2- S1-8

English

Yr1- V1

Yr2- S1

#### Owl:

IXL Maths:

Year 2: T 1-9

Year 3: AA 1-8

### Homework

#### Kestrel:

Maths: B3, C1 and times tables

English: Reading at least 3 times a week at home and IXL A2

#### Eagle:

Maths Y6: N 1-8 and 20-24

Maths Y5: E 14-17 and F1

English Y6: 02 and GG 1

English Y5: BB 1-4 and MM 1-2

### Useful Links

The Catholic Children's Society support funding for essential household items.

[Grant Giving - Catholic Children's Society \(Plymouth\) \(ccsplymouth.org.uk\)](https://ccsplymouth.org.uk)

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

[Help with household bills, energy costs and financial assistance](#)

Do you need help with childcare costs? Please click the link below.

[The Government's Childcare Choices lists all the schemes available here](#)

Axminster Foodbank

Contact: Hanover House, Ex13 5Bj Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ · 01297 32331