**November 2023 Newsletter** 



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Follow the Gospel and the Way of Knowledge

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear

no evil. For you are with me. (Psalm 23:4)

## Y6 RESIDENTIAL



A huge well done to our Y6's for excellent behavior on the residential to Condover Hall. You all tried every activity and achieved so much. I couldn't be prouder of you all!

#### **Dates to Note**

**Monday 30**<sup>th</sup> **October -** Autumn 2 Term begins

**Tuesday 2**<sup>nd</sup> **November –** Y3&4 Healthy Habits Workshop (4 weeks) **Friday 3**<sup>rd</sup> **November –** Mad Hair Day - £2

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November –** Y6 Residential

**Wednesday 8**<sup>th</sup> **November –** Y6 Residential

**Friday 24**<sup>th</sup> **November –** Whole school Pinocchio Production £3 each.

**Thursday 7**th **December –** 2pm Reception Nativity

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December –** Year 1 / 2 Nativity 1 2pm / 9am-3pm Y5/6 Bike ability (group 1)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 / 2 Nativity 1 2pm / 9am-3pm Y5/6 Bike ability (group 2)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 9am-3pm Y5/6 Bike ability (group 3) Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas breakfast and jumper day (tickets)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Y5&6 final swim / Christmas discos 1:30pm and class parties Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Christmas assembly 1:30pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December –** Term finishes at 1:15pm

# **CHRISTMAS CLUB- Run by Staff**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec / Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec / Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan / Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm £6.00 per day. Children need their own packed lunch. Please book in with the office.

**Monday 8**<sup>th</sup> **January –** Spring Term 1 begins

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Diversity Concert at Pontins Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children finish 2:30pm

Wednesday Word- The latest Wednesday Word is Talent.
Please use family time to read it & do some activities by visiting: https://www.stmaryscatholicps.co.uk/catholiclife

The Reverse Advent
Calendar is a fun and easy
way to help your local
foodbank and get the
younger children involved.

You only need a box or bag.

Each day throughout

November, mark off an item
and put it in your box / bag. At
the end of the month these will
be taken to the foodbank.



### Christmas Nativity and Raffle

Please note the dates of the Reception and Y1/2 Nativity Play for families. Reception will be at 2pm on Thu  $7^{th}$  December. Year 1&2 will be at 2pm on Tuesday  $12^{th}$  and Wednesday  $13^{th}$ . We won't be selling tickets for the plays. There will be raffle tickets on sale throughout December for a Christmas basket and prizes. The raffle will be draw on the last day of term . Mrs. Skitt in the office will display the basket and sell tickets at £1:00 per strip.

#### **ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: 2023-24**

Sefton council class any child below 90% as persistently absent. Our whole school target is 96% which tends to be in line with national averages. It is so important that children attend school as much as possible. We understand that this cannot be the case with genuine illnesses.

DARK GREEN- GRE Very Good (96%+) (95-9			IBER- Slight ncern (94.9-90.1%		RED- Below the acceptable level- Classed as persistently absence level (below 90%)	
WHOLE SCHOOL - 95.5%						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.1%	94.9%	95.2%	98.5%	94%	97.3%	94.9%

A polite reminder- Please do not stop and/or park your car on the yellow zig zags. You should drop children off at the school door or the gate. It is not safe for you to stop there.

### **Sunday Mass Times for our churches are:**

St Mary's: Sun 11:15am St Helen's: Sun 10.00am

Ss Peter & Paul: Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am

St Joseph's: Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11am

**School Uniform** - Please make sure **all** of the children's clothes are clearly labelled. School will try their best at times to look for the items but it is parents and children's responsibility to label and look after their property. Any items found without clearly labelled names will be placed in lost property