

# St Mary's Newsletter – November 2023



## Looking forward to rest of the academic year

I hope that you all had a lovely Autumn half term break, and all of our children are looking forward to the term ahead and all the lovely events we have coming up.

Please take the time to read the messages, particularly around school organisation and staffing. Some messages will sound familiar to you all, as they were shared with you in July.

## PE Kits

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring that their children have had the correct PE kits for lesson. As a reminder, pupils should wear:

- A plain white T-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts
- Gym shoes for indoor PE lessons and trainers for outdoor PE
- Plain black joggers & sweatshirt or hoody

PE Days are:

Class 1: Wednesday & Friday

Class 2: Tuesday & Friday

Class 3: Wednesday & Thursday (Swimming)

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Gaudete Event	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November – more details to follow
School photographs	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Friends of St. Mary's Christmas Fayre	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm
KS2 Carol Service	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm
KS1 Nativity Play	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm
Christmas Dinner & Jumper day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Christmas Party	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Santa Run	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – details to follow
KS1 Christmas Party	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Advent Mass	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December @ 2pm
Break up for Christmas	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – children will finish at <b>1pm after lunch</b>
Return to school	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January

### **IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE**

Please seriously consider when you book your holidays. I appreciate that some families rarely book holidays beyond the school holidays, but others have repeatedly done so. I will be unable to authorise any absences, unless there are **very special** circumstances.

Please consider that a fine may be incurred if unauthorised holidays are booked. School attendance is so important. The curriculum is progressive and builds upon prior learning, so building blocks may be missed when children are absent from school.

I look forward to good attendance and punctual starts to the day for the rest of the Autumn term. Thank you for your support.

*Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter*