



Newsletter 5

29th November—17th December

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What an amazing term we have had! The children are working very hard in everything; their learning, their plays and performances, their music learning and so much more.

There has been a lot of staff sickness; which I can only apologise for, it seemed COVID was very much everywhere at one stage. With your continued support, help and understanding we have now eradicated the outbreak at the school and we look forward to the new spring term with confidence that we will manage any further outbreaks well. Fingers crossed we can all carry on safely.

We have also had a few staff changes this term and we are very lucky to welcome Miss Rebecca Gartrell who joins us as the class TA in year 2. Miss Gartrell has a wealth of experience as a TA and is amazing and an absolute asset to the school.

We are continuing to implement a few changes. The learning topics are currently being reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all the children and these will be shared with you as soon as the teachers have completed them after Christmas. The provision for our special need's children continues to be a focus for all our teachers. The homework policy is also under review and we hope to get that out to parents as soon as we can in the spring. As always there is more to do and we will continue to let you know as we move forwards.

Mrs Shailes would like to raise the profile of reading across the school and we would welcome volunteers who are able to come into school to support children read individually. If you feel you can help, please let us know by calling the office or messaging Mrs Shailes or myself on Class Dojo through private messaging. All that remains for me to say is thank you for your continued support and we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

School returns on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Best wishes, Mrs McDonald and the St Mary's team



We raised £37.50! Thank you!

Dates for your Diary

Fri 17th December Dress Down Day & Last Day of Term

Christmas Holidays!!

Tuesday 4th January Spring Term Starts

TERM DATES are also online www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/term_dates/298666



The School Council raised a whopping **£150** profit with their disco's.

Thank you to everyone who made it a success!!

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

If you meet the eligibility criteria your child may be entitled to benefit related free school meals.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/#eligibility>
All of our benefit related free school meals children will receive vouchers by text or email over the Christmas holidays

**Headteacher Award
Gospel Value Kindness**

6th - 10th December 2021

Reception

Jude for always encouraging all of his friends to join in with play.

Year 1

Tilly

Year 2

Erin for thinking about her friends.

Year 3

Bella for being a great friend.

Year 4

Scarlett for being brave with the flu vaccine.

Year 5

Grace for always showing kindness and consideration towards others.

Year 6

Lauren who continues to always show great kindness and thoughtfulness about other people and always tries to help others.

**Stars of the Week 9th - 10th December
2021**

Reception

Freya for working so hard during our play.

Maci for using her phonics so well to write down words.

Year 1

Seren for working really hard on her writing.

Peter for always having a good attitude towards learning.

Year 2

Jackson for super writing in RE.
Emma for always trying her very best.

Year 3

Connie for excellent effort writing rhyming couplets.

Theo working hard throughout the whole term.

Year 4

Cohen for improving his hand writing.
Maggie for working hard and doing her best.

Year 5

Callum for putting a lot of effort into his Science work.

Arabella for always being willing to have a go.

Year 6

Lorenzo who has been working really hard in class, improving his output and challenging himself to do even better.

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

99% Attendance for Y3 last week!!!



Special Educational Needs Support

Every Thursday in December, from 2.15-3.15 Mrs Titheridge is holding a SENCO 'drop in' session. Parents will be welcome to discuss accessing SEN support and Mrs Titheridge will be happy to answer any of your SEN questions.

Please contact Mrs Titheridge at:-
senco@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk
or call 01326 314540.



Following the violin whole class sessions this term there is an opportunity to learn a string instrument (violin or viola) at St Mary's school with Susannah Pattinson from Cornwall Music Service Trust. If your child would like to start lessons next term they can be arranged as individual or group lessons and take place at school on a day and time agreed by school to fit in with class learning. Instruments can easily be hired from the Cornwall Music Education Hub as mentioned below. In order that we can get your child's music journey under way please go to

<http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup/>
to sign up for your musical sessions.

If you require an instrument, these can be hired from various suppliers please see:

<http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/provision/instrument-hire-and-purchase/>

ASDAT Parent Information Session

For parents of children who are awaiting or considering an ASD assessment:

The ASDAT team – who are we?

The assessment process explained:

What happens in the initial appointment

What information we need to gather for the assessment

What other factors we might consider during the assessment process

What help is available whilst you are waiting for the assessment to occur?

We will also update you on any new developments

We have planned the following online video meetings to be held via Microsoft TEAMS:

Tuesday 1st February 10:30-12:00

Thursday 24th March 16:00-17:30

Tuesday 17th May 10:30-12:00

Thursday 7th July 16:00-17:30

To book a place or register interest in attending later sessions, please email cpn-tr.Cmcbsup@nhs.net with the following information:

Your name, email address, phone number, your child's name and date of birth



Please keep your account in credit.

From 2022 we will not be able to provide a school dinner if your account is in debit.

If you wish to use Breakfast Club you must book via Parent Pay.

Thank you



We are looking forward to working with Go-Active next year.

Details of after school clubs will be out in January



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Great Djembe Drumming session in the hall this week with Mr Fyffe!



And finally....
We would like to
wish all of our
children and their
families
a wonderful
Christmas!

