



Important Items in this newsletter:

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- ♦ **Music Lessons**
- ♦ **Starting School—September 2020**



Hello from Mrs. Draycott

Well done everyone for such a successful first term! The children and staff have worked so hard and we have a lot to be thankful for as we approach Christmas.

I would like to say a big thank you to you, our parents and families, for your support this term. Our strong partnership ensures that we continue to work together for the benefit of all the children at St. Mary's.

We were very lucky to have so many volunteers to help on our Christmas dinner day- thank you very much to the parents who gave up their time to help this run smoothly.

Have a very happy Christmas everyone and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on

Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Draycott Head of School



Dear Parents

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of our first term and what a busy but wonderful term it has been. It was lovely to see the children so confident during their Christmas performance and it has been great getting to know them throughout the term.

Behind the scenes the teachers have been working hard on our new curriculum. The Ofsted framework changed in September this year with a greater emphasis on our Foundation subject, something that I do believe St. Mary's already does very well. However, it has meant changes to some of our topics and the content. If you would like to know more about this please speak to either myself or Mrs Draycott.

As you are aware, earlier in the term the decision was made to appoint Mrs Draycott as Head of School, which means she is now in charge of the day-to-day running of St. Mary's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work in her first term. The pupils are so lucky to have such a dedicated staff team and I know you will join me in thanking them all for their time and care in looking after and teaching your children.

I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break with your children and families and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Best wishes

Demelza Bolton Executive Head

Nut Allergies

Please be reminded that we have a number of pupils who have a nut allergy, so we would encourage you not send nuts into school with your child. Many thanks for your attention.

Porthpean Residential—June 2020

ParentPay is now open for payments towards the Year 6 visit to the Outdoor Education Centre at Porthpean.

National Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £151 for Save the Children Fund

WELL DONE TO ALL

After School Clubs and Music Tuition

After school clubs will re-commence during week beginning Monday 13th January. Timetables will be sent home during the 1st week back.

Peripetetic Teachers will re-commence music lessons from Tuesday 7th January. Please ensure your child brings their instrument into school on their usual lesson day.

Attendance Winners

Week ending 06/12/19 — Year 4

Week ending 13/12/19 — Reception Class

Starting School—September 2020

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you wish to apply for a place at St Mary's School, please apply online at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions and complete the school's supplementary form available from the School Office or on the school website. Please note the deadline for applications to be submitted is Wednesday 15th January. If you apply on time you will be notified of your allocation on National Offer Day of 16th April 2020.

FOSMS

A BIG thank you to FOSMs for all your hard work in raising much needed funds for our school.

- * Christmas Fayre raised a massive £1500
- * Christmas Card orders raised £238
- * Bags4School collection raised £232 with 580kg of clothing.

Thanks to everyone who supported these events.

Christmas Performances

This year, all the donations received from parents and family members will be distributed between three of our selected charities: Children's Hospice South West, CAFOD and Mary's Meals. £621 was raised over 3 days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Star of the Week

Week ending 6th December

Reception:

- Class 1: Connie
- Class 2: Anastasiya
- Class 3: George E
- Class 4: Lauren
- Class 5: Joseph R
- Class 6: Mawgan

Week ending 13th December

Reception:

- Class 1: Elliott M
- Class 2: Josh V-E
- Class 3: Joshua
- Class 4: Finley O
- Class 5: Milly C
- Class 6: Lucas M

Week ending 20th December

Reception:

- Class 1: Evie O
- Class 2: Edward
- Class 3: Scarlett
- Class 4: Grace
- Class 5: Ca
- Class 6: Hoby
- All Yr 6 pupils

Community

Falmouth United's Coach would like to pass on his thanks to Year 5 pupils Eddie and Spencer, who are buddies for two players in the Under 6 team (Freddie W & Rocco K). Eddie and Spencer have worked hard with their buddies and have given up their time on a Sunday morning to help take a training session with their buddies. Freddie and Rocco enjoyed having them there as did the other children at the training. Their care for the younger children and their desire to help shone through and they should be really proud.

Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank

Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a big thank you for all your donations to the 'Reverse Advent Calendar'.

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated this Christmas time.




Gospel Values

For two weeks commencing 16th December our Gospel Value is Humility, seeing life as a gift "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"


Special events are: Migrants' Day - 18th December

For those families who are new to the school, the emergency school closure procedure is as follows. We strongly recommend that you listen to updates on BBC Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM or Heart FM for up to date information on school closures which will also be posted on the radio stations websites. We will endeavour to contact all parents via the Schoolcomms system. This system sends a message to parents' mobile phones. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please inform the school office. Alternatively, log on to our school website for the latest details about emergency closure. www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

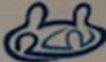
All proceeds from the sale of these wonderful Christmas cards, designed by the children in the CAST schools in the Plymouth Diocese, will go to The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth).
Thank you to all 337 children who entered our Design a Christmas card competition



Sophia - year 5
St Mary's, Falmouth



Felicity - year 1
St Mary's, Falmouth

 Putting All Children First
Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

To Sophie in Year 5 and Felicity in Year 1 who were chosen by The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as runners-up in the recent 'Design a Christmas Card' competition.

Diary Dates

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| 7 th Jan | Start of term |
| | Music Lessons start |
| 9 th | Yr 6 Bikeability Day-1 Group 1 |
| | Y3 & Y4 Swimming starts |
| 10 th | Yr 6 Bikeability Day-2 |
| 13 th | After School Clubs start |
| 15 th | Deadline for applications for Reception places 2020-2021 |
| 17 th | School Disco |
| 22 nd | Yr 6 Bikeability Day-1 Group 2 |
| | Yr 6 Bikeability Day-2 |
| 23 rd | Hearing re-tests for Y1 |