



# St Mary's CE VC First School

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Newsletter (5) - 2022-23

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this letter I can hear the wonderful sound of our children singing and rehearsing for the Christmas Play! It is a fun and busy time of year and we are looking forward to welcoming you all to watch our play next week. Thank you for booking your seats for the performances through our School Gateway. We do have additional seats available for Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please contact our school office to request further seats if you would like to like any. These will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Mel Webster will take over from Mrs Brake as the Class teacher for Maple Class in January. Miss Webster has worked in our school previously and we are pleased to welcome her back to our team. Miss Webster will be coming into school during the next few weeks to work alongside Mrs Brake and the Maple Class team and to get to know the children. We will also welcome Mrs Laura Warr to our lunchtime team next week, I know that everyone will make her very welcome!

During the past few weeks children have been voting for our School Ambassadors and our School Council. Congratulations to Robyn and Jake who have been voted to be our Ambassadors for 2022-23! Robyn and Jake have already been busy involving themselves in tours of the school with prospective new teachers and visiting Mole Country Stores to choose our Christmas tree. Thank you to Mole for their generous donation!

Next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December will be Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. Children may come to school in non-uniform along with their Christmas Jumper in return for a donation. Please make your donation through <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/beverley-hayes-christmas-jumper-day>

We have 2 Christmas hampers as prizes for our School Association Christmas raffle. Please log on to School Gateway to buy your tickets. All funds will support the work of our school!  
I hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Garner



## Poppies

Thank you for supporting our collections for the Royal British legion. We raised £143.90 through our Poppy sales.

## School Council

Mr Holt will be leading the work of our newly appointed School Council. They will be meeting to choose a charity for us to donate towards this Christmas.

## Data

Thank you to those of you who have returned your data sheets. Please ensure that you do this by next week so that our office can update your records where needed.

## Stay and Play Club

I am afraid that from January we will no longer be able to run after-school childcare provision on Tuesdays as we are unable to staff this session. We have worked really hard to keep it going for this term and have advertised these roles several times. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have booked a place for a Tuesday in January this will be refunded to your account.

## School Association – Christmas tree Decoration Competition

We hope that many children will be keen to make a decoration for our School Christmas Tree. If your child would like to enter this competition please pay the £1.00 entry fee on School Gateway and send your child with their decoration from Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that your child's name and class is clearly displayed on their entry. Prizes will be given out on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Performances

Please can children arrive in school at 5.30pm via the main school entrance on Wednesday for the performance of our Christmas Play. Please do not arrive before this time as children will not be allowed entry until staff are in place in each classroom. Thank you for your support in ensuring they attend this performance.

**Please remember that the performance is not suitable for toddlers and babies to come along as it is likely to be an hour long. Please make alternative arrangements for childcare so that adults are able to enjoy the performance and the hard work of the children.**

## Filming of the Christmas Performance

Our final performance will be professionally filmed by audio/visual specialists. These DVDs will be available to order next week once the filming has taken place. Orders can be placed via School Gateway at the end of next week.

## Future Dates:

6 Dec	Christmas Performance 9.15am
7 Dec	Christmas Performance 6.00pm
8 Dec	Christmas Performance 9.15am
9 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day -Save the Children
12 Dec	Children's Christmas Party Day
15 Dec	Reception Christmas Experience-church
16 Dec	Carol Service 1.30pm St Mary's Church - Parents Welcome!
16 Dec	<b>Last Day of Term</b>



