



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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*At St. Mary's we live and learn,  
sharing God's love*

## WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



*They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*



**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**

### **PARKING**

Due to some serious complaints of late, I feel I need to include this as the first item on this week's newsletter. Some local residents have spoken to school and are very disgruntled with the way some of our parents are parking. I am the first to acknowledge that there is a serious lack of parking in the immediate vicinity of the school but please be respectful and not park across people's driveways. Also, if you are asked to move your car, please be polite with the residents – they are just exercising their right to have their driveways clear for their own use. There has also been a complaint about rubbish being dropped around the Legion Court area. I have reassured the residents that I will politely ask you to be respectful and courteous. Thank you.

### **ADVENT**

Next weekend sees the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent. This is such an important time in our church's calendar as we await the arrival of God's only Son. To mark the significance of this period, we will be celebrating Mass in school, next Friday morning (29<sup>th</sup> Nov) at 10am. Our 'Faith in Action' group are leading the Mass and it promises to be a wonderful, reflective start to this holy time. If you, or any members of your family, are able to join us, you will be most welcome.

### **INTER SCHOOLS CAROL CONCERT**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the children from years 1 to 6 will be walking to church to join in with the annual 'Leyland Churches Together' carol concert. Many of the local schools will be there and it really is a wonderful way to get into the Christmas mood! Families are invited to join us, either at church where the concert begins at 10am, or alternatively, if you can walk with us, please be in school for 9:15am. Thank you.

### **THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

St. Mary's Catholic High School have invited our children to join them at our parish church, this Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) at 10am for a mass to celebrate this feast day. It is also known as 'Youth Sunday'. Please see the following message from Anthony, the high school chaplain:

*'This year, Fr. Jonathan is inviting grandparents to accompany their grandchildren to Mass on Sunday to celebrate this beautiful Feast. It's a perfect opportunity to thank God for the gift of grandparents and a beautiful opportunity to do so during Mass. If possible, please would you be able to promote this Feast and this invitation to your students. Mass starts at 10am and should finish at 11am and I believe Fr. Jonathan will give a blessing to both grandparents and grandchildren during the Mass.'*

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR**

A reminder that tomorrow (Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>), St. Mary's Church are holding their Christmas Fair. All are invited between 11am and 1pm.

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Thank you to those of you who attended. I was unable to be there as I was on safeguarding training, but I believe it was a very positive afternoon.

**FLU VACCINATIONS**

The nursing team have agreed to return to school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to administer the flu vaccination to the children who were absent earlier this week. If you have not yet sent in your forms, but have decided you would like your child to have the vaccination, please complete and return them to school by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>. (A small number of spare forms are available at the office if you need one.)

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Book Fair is now in school until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. This is a fantastic opportunity to buy Christmas presents. In buying them through school, you are also benefitting us, as Scholastic reward us for the number of books we sell – if we can sell £500 worth of books we can then spend £500 on books! So, please do come and have a browse.

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MARKET**

As I have already mentioned, we have decided NOT to have a market this year and have decided, instead, to have several smaller events in the lead up to the holidays. Therefore, I'm sure you will be pleased to know that we will not be asking for donations of chocolates, tombola items etc throughout Advent as we have previously done. Further details will follow soon.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

The next session for this year's Sacramental Programme is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at church at 6:30pm.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The FINAL deadline for ordering your child's design of Christmas card is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure you include payment with the order. This will ensure delivery before the end of the term.

**CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is the most wonderful time of year. But, for some, it can also be a very stressful time. If you feel you need support of any kind as we approach Christmas, please give Julie (our family support worker) a ring on 07495161126. All calls are treated in the strictest of confidence. She will do whatever she can to help.

**LOST PROPERTY**

If your child has misplaced anything, please speak to Mrs Kay in the school office. Please also remember to label all items of clothing – even socks can go missing!

**THEMED LUNCHES – LANCASHIRE DAY**

There are several themed school lunches planned for this term. Please look out for the posters around school advertising these special lunches. The next one is Lancashire Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs O'Mahony