

**Vision for St Mary's C of E Primary School**

*Living, Loving and Learning in God's Care; our Christian values,  
understanding of the Bible and curriculum teach us how to live, love and learn.  
O Lord, teach me how you want me to live. Psalm 86:11*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below the weekly reminders from this week's school calendar:

<b>Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>		
Week 3 for school lunch menu		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Guitar Lessons	Mrs HB will be in school for guitar lessons, so please bring instruments into school.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime Visit	The children will be treated to a visit by the Primary Theatre Company for a performance of 'Grumpy Old Scrooge' during the morning.
	PE whole school	Pupils to bring their PE kits to change into after lunch. Class 1 & 2 to come to school wearing their PE kit.
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Singing/ Violin/ Cello	Mrs Gault will be in school for singing, violin & cello lessons, so please bring in any instruments.
	School Nativity and Christmas Fayre	6pm at Tern Hill Hall, Tern Hill, TF9 3PU. <b><u>Please ensure all children arrive at 5.30pm.</u></b> The performance will last approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by the PTFA Christmas Fayre with plenty of stalls, a tombola, refreshments and activities. We need help with running stalls, so please let us know if you are able lend a helping hand!
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	String instrument music lessons	Mrs HB and Mrs Gault will be in school today for children to practice for their music concert on Friday. So if your child has string instrument lessons, please could you send in their instruments today.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Music Concert	9.30am in school. Parents are very welcome to attend. <b><u>All children who play an instrument must bring them in today please.</u></b>
	Woodwind lessons today	Children taking woodwind lessons should bring their instrument to school.
	Fitness Friday	All children (Reception to Year 6) should bring trainers/pumps into school every Friday for their extra PE sessions. Full PE kit is not necessary as they will only need to remove their tie and jumper.
	Carols at the Carwash	6.30pm Loggerheads car wash. Families very welcome to go along to join in the carol singing. Refreshments and a visit from Santa on his sleigh!

Week commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		
Week 1 for school lunch menu		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Guitar Lessons	Mrs HB will be in school for guitar lessons, so please bring instruments into school.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Children may wear a Christmas jumper with school uniform trousers/skirt/school shoes.
	PE whole school	Pupils to bring their PE kits to change into after lunch. Class 1 & 2 to come to school wearing their PE kit.
	Carols by Candlelight	7pm at Knighton Village Hall. Join the Choir and friends of St Mary's Church for carol singing. Refreshments and raffle. Donations to the Children's Society.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Singing/Violin/Cello	Mrs Gault will be in school for singing, violin & cello lessons, so please bring in any instruments.
	Christmas Lunch	The children have their Christmas lunch.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non-Uniform for the winning team	The winning house team may wear their own clothes for the day.
	Party Afternoon	The children may bring in party clothes to change into at lunch time.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Church Service	9.30am St Mary's Church, Muckleston. All staff and children will be attending. Parents, family and friends are very welcome.
	End of school term	Pupils and staff break up for the Christmas holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	INSET DAY	School closed to pupils for staff training.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	New Term starts	Pupils return to school for the Spring term.

Extras	
Talking Homework	As part of the school's Christian distinctiveness the children have been thinking about spiritual development and, as part of this focus, Mrs Hill will add a question to each weekly newsletter as part of our 'talking homework'. We would like to encourage families to spend some time talking about the question at home and this will then be discussed in school during RE and worship. This week's question is: <b>'If you visited baby Jesus in the stable, what gift would you take and why?'</b>
Eccleshall Church Holiday Club	Please contact Cassie Jennings, Children and Families Minister for Eccleshall Parish to let her know if you would be interested in your child attending some free holiday club activity days over the Christmas break. Email: <a href="mailto:Nextgen@eccleshall.church">Nextgen@eccleshall.church</a>

Celebration Awards	
Congratulations to the following children for their achievements week ending: 6 <sup>th</sup> December	
Class 1 Award	Georgia
Class 2 Award	Isla
Class 3 Award	Harry O
Class 4 Award	Martha & Harriet
Head Teacher Award	Dexter & Joe G
Good to be Green Award	Penelope
Meercat Award	Class 4
Time4Sport class of the week:	Class 3
Winning House for the Week	Blue Team