



*"We are Journeying Together through Advent"*

Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and News-feeds)



[School Holiday sheets available from the office](#)

For sports festivals for your child's class, please see additional messages from Miss C our sports lead and class teacher

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas Party Day all classes- wear party clothes for school today!

Wednesday 20th- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day. Meals ordered via MCAS App.

Thursday 21st December -Carol Service, St Mary's Catholic Church 4pm Owls class narrating. Swankie Sports still on for those parents who need it.

**Break Up Thursday 21st Dec and return Monday 8th January 2024**

Tuesday 9th January 2024- 3.45pm-4.45pm- Anxious About School Project, all parents invited to attend. (see Weduc)

### Shepherd's Hut

A huge thankyou to Mrs T and friends, who gave up their Saturday morning to come along and put up the Shepherd's Hut. Mrs T raised money back in the summer from her walk for the hut, and she can not wait to decorate it!

A HUGE thankyou to Mrs T, Shawn, Stephen and of course Fearne and her Mummy for their coffee and cake supplies.

We are so lucky to have such amazing, supportive parents and such dedicated staff.

Thankyou, Thankyou, Thankyou!!



### Bikeability



Congratulations to the children in Owls class who took part in the Bikeability programme over the past three days.

It is so important that the children are aware of how to ride safely on their bikes, so we were thrilled to see so many of the children take part- and to be prepared to share their bikes so that others could do it too. Thankyou.

Don't worry if your child did not pass just yet- we will be doing it again next year so they will have the opportunity to pass then- and I am sure they will!

### Christmas Coffee Morning

Thankyou so much to everybody who came along to our Christmas Coffee Morning. Staff were all just saying that we are really pleased we have started these coffee mornings every half term, as it is so lovely to see parents, grandparents, siblings and of course parishioners and governors in school- especially this time of year.

Thankyou everybody. All money raised from the coffee morning will go towards school funds so we really do appreciate your support.

Wonderful!



### Travelling Crib 2023

Have a look at some of the adorable pictures sent in from our families in EYFS on our website and FB page.

Our travelling crib goes home every year in EYFS during Advent. A lovely way to share the story with family, in the comfort of your own home!

Spreading the joy, and true meaning of Christmas.

Wonderful- thankyou!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

No birthdays this week, although Joey celebrates his birthday today! Happy birthday Joey!





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### Our Trust Virtues

Our Trust Virtues are weaved into all areas of our curriculum, and everything we do here at St Mary's. It is important that as we teach the virtues to our children that they have a good understanding of the vocabulary as well as what that looks like in themselves, in

others, in our school. Here are the 8 Virtues that we promote and celebrate as a school community:

- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Justice
- ◆ Compassion
- ◆ Self Belief
- ◆ Resilience
- ◆ Honesty
- ◆ Confidence



These virtues link closely to our Catholic Social Teaching Principles (CST) that underpin everything we do as a school, and as a Trust.

### Attendance this week

Robins— %

Larks— %

Swifts— %

Owls— %

Not available due to BromCom crashing!



School holidays during term time will not be authorised. Our attendance policy is available on our website for further information.

### Nativities 2023

What joy the children brought during their Christmas Performances this year.

Didn't they all do well!

It is always a pleasure to see their little faces light up when they see you all there- the hall was full for all performances- thank you.

And a big well done to the children- you were brilliant!



### Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas jumper day is on Wednesday 20th December this year in school.

We would love to see every single child wearing a Christmas jumper and wondered that if you find last years jumper no longer fits your child, could you bring it in for us to share with another child? Any jumpers left, if other children do not need then can always be taken to the local charity shops.

We will have a little table set up in the hall on the Monday/ Tuesday for anyone who needs it- help yourself!



### Anxious About School Project

Please make a note of the date for the Anxious About School Parent Information Evening on **Tuesday 9th January 2024. Here in school 3.45pm- 4.45pm.**

We are one of several schools in County Durham taking part, so please do make the most of this opportunity to help with any issues relating to anxiety with your own children. Staff also have a training session so we are hoping we get lots of new and motivating strategies to help support our children and families.

### Carol Service 2023

It is a busy week this week in school. We have party day Tuesday, children can come to school wearing their party clothes. The Wednesday we have Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day, and Thursday we have our Carol Service at St Mary's Catholic Church. Please come along if you can. The Owls are leading the service with readings too.



### WEBSITE UPDATE

Our new website is now live!

<https://stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk>

I am still navigating my way around the site and also training to actually manage/ upload on to the site so please bear with me! I am aware that some of the narratives on there are slightly out of date- this is due to the timing of when information was shared and transferred over- for example staffing/ governors etc.

It is looking fabulous though- the Team at BH CET have worked incredibly hard to meet deadlines across the Trust; Ella, Verity and team... thank you!

Weekly newsletters will continue to go out via Weduc and pictures uploaded on to FB too.

Thanks again for your patience.