



Dear Parents / Carers

The words of the angel in his appearance to Our Blessed Lady find a deep resonance in our own hearts, particularly as many of us experience so many different and conflicting emotions at Christmas. 'Be not afraid' are words of comfort and reassurance to a young girl who found herself caught up in the most wonderful experience to ever occur in our humanity - the birth of the Saviour.

Jesus entered our world in poverty and his adult life was lived in service of others. When we reflect upon our first term under new leadership, we as a school have been so touched by the words of support and encouragement, not only to myself, but also to the wonderful and talented staff here at St Mary's. Our priority, like that of Christ, is to serve the children and we will empower them to have the best education possible and aspirations which are second to none. As Headteacher, I am not only proud of the staff, but also immensely proud of the children and you as parents and carers in all you do.

May the peace of Christmas reign in your families and may the child who came to us in poverty and humanity, shine the light through the whole world so that we become truly Christ-like in all that we live and do. May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mr Joseph O'Connor

### ***Dates for the Diary***

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Return to school

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Children break up for February half term (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February is a staff training day)

20<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school

31<sup>st</sup> March - Finish for Easter holidays

17<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school





***Please see the following items for your attention.***

***Afterschool Clubs:*** After Christmas, we would like to ensure that the school provides a variety of clubs, not just linked to PE, but to areas of the enriched curriculum, specifically baking and Science. As such, the school will be sending out a letter of information to all parents as to what will be provided in the New Year. The letter will contain options which parents/ carers need to complete. If a club does not attract a minimum of 10 children, then unfortunately it will not be viable. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will be for a maximum of 20 children. For baking, the number will be 15. More information to follow.



### ***Ordering Lunches***

You needed to have ordered lunches by Sunday 11th December 2022 for meals commencing Monday 2nd & Monday 9th January 2023. A pack up will be required if not ordered. Also please order lunches by **Sunday 1st January 2023** as this is the cut off for ordering school meals for week commencing Monday 16th January 2023. If no lunches have been ordered a pack up will be required for the week.



Sadie's takes a trip to... Thursday

19<sup>th</sup> January

### AMERICA

Choose a Main Meal...

Beef Burger or Quorn Dog

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Baked Potato with Cheese

On the Side...

Chips,  
Peas and Sweetcorn

For Dessert...

Chocolate Brownie

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Fresh Fruit

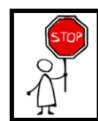
DON'T FORGET MEALS FOR PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 ARE FREE



Parents Afternoon for Year 1 will be in the New Year. More information to follow.

### Butlin's

Year 6 Butlin's trip is now on Parentpay. If your child would like to go but you didn't pay the original £10 deposit, please let the office staff know. We have set up 6 payments up of £50 a month, but it allows you to pay as much as you would like. The trip is going to be in the region of £300. The deposits parents have already paid have been taken into account and will show up on parent pay.



### Key Stage 1 Gate

Please can parents/carers not use the Key Stage 1 gate. This is for children and teachers only.

### Collection

Please could parents, when collecting their children, not block the Church entrance, car park or the drive located on Heneage Road.





## Attendance and Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school to let us know. This can be done by calling the office on 01472 357982 or emailing the office at [office@smp.nelcmail.co.uk](mailto:office@smp.nelcmail.co.uk) or by messaging on the Scholarpack app.

### ***Please do not message on Dojo.***

If your child is absent and we do not hear from you by one of the methods above, you will receive a phone call to ask the reason for the absence. If you do not respond to the phone call, then a home visit could be made. If we do not receive an acceptable reason for the absence, then it will be recorded as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences are reported to the Education Welfare officer and could result in a penalty notice.

### *Attendance*

Well done to Year 5 for having the best attendance in December at 95.93%. The whole school attendance is currently 93.6%



### *Catholic Life*



Christmas is about the birth of Jesus and the subsequent days following God's gift to humanity. Please make an extra special effort to attend Mass.



### **Christmas Mass times:**

#### **Christmas Eve**

6.30pm - Corpus Christi Church, Cleethorpes

11.30pm - St Mary on the Sea Church, Grimsby

#### **Christmas Day**

9am - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Immingham

11am - St Mary on the Sea Church, Grimsby

*What we have been up to at St Mary's*



### World Cup penalty shoot-out competition



Well done to **House Assisi** who were representing Argentina. They scored the most goals. Also a very big WELL DONE to **George in Year 6** who won the overall penalty shoot - out.

### Christmas Jumper Day, CAFOD & Children in Need

Well Done to the school for raising £268.00 for the various charities this half term.





*School Fayre and School Nativity*



**Christmas Fayre 2022** What a great success! We are extremely grateful to have some amazing local businesses that kindly donated to our raffle. From Caxton theatre tickets, various vouchers for Pennells, Boyes, Ernie Becketts and even tickets to The Deep. Congratulations to all the well-deserved winners. Also a big well done to all the children for making and selling beautiful crafts and cards.

We would like to also thank YOU. To all the parents, carers and family members for supporting us here at St Marys.





# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## November 2022



**Year 1-** in their ICT lesson, children have been busy creating fantastic pieces of art work. They have also been getting all festive and have been extremely busy creating beautiful cards, gifts and crafts to sell at the Christmas Fayre during Enterprise week.



*This very cold weather brought a flurry of snow.*

*Year 1 were super excited.*



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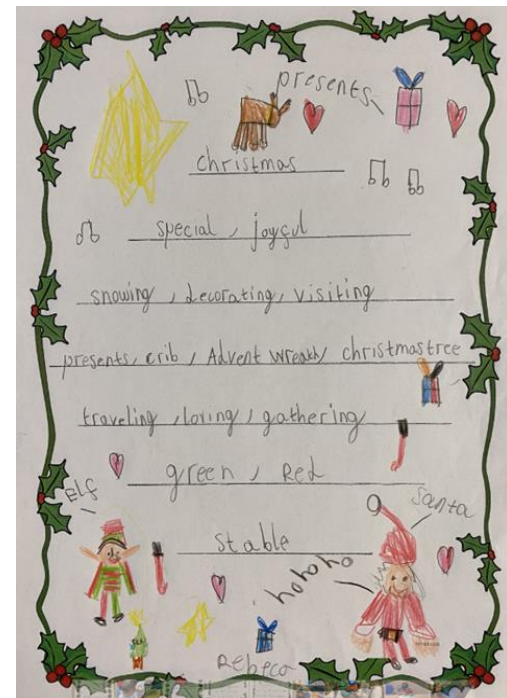
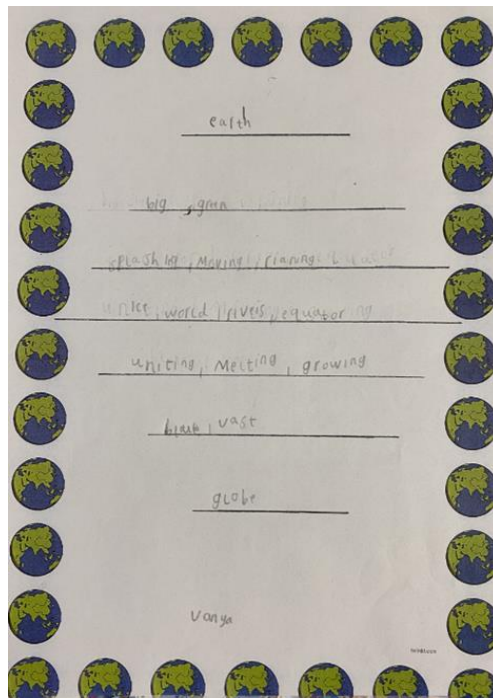
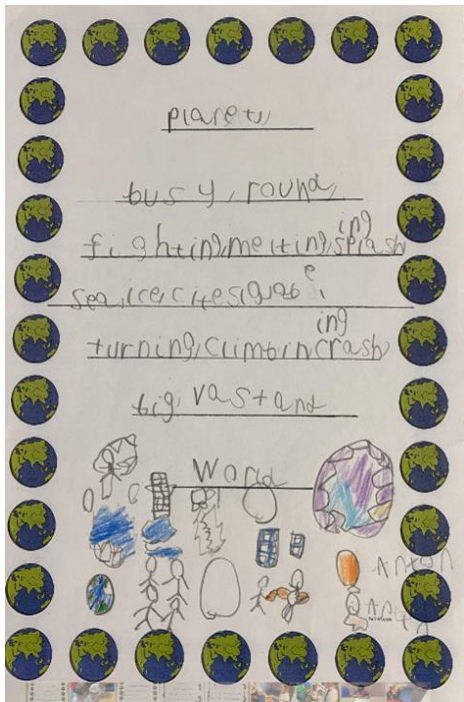
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**Year 2** - In our design and technology lessons, children have learned about creating healthy and tasty meals starting with where food originates, the correct utensils to use for a certain task as well as how to finish with choosing a meal based on certain criteria to then making it. It was a great success; the children thought it was very tasty!



The children also have learnt about Diamante poems and created their own.





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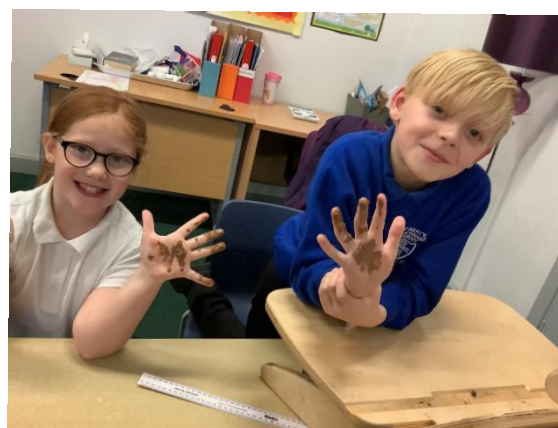
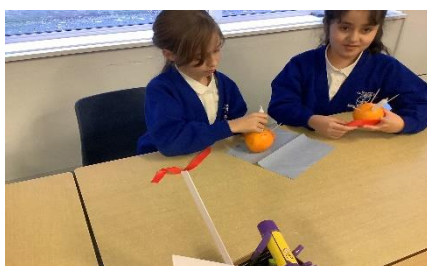


Year 4 - have been extremely busy in science learning about solids, liquids and gases.



Year 4 were also very lucky to have a video call from Jenny McLachlan. Jenny is the author of several acclaimed teen and middle grade novels. Before Jenny became a writer, she taught English in secondary school. Thank you Mrs Tong for organising this.

They also have been very busy preparing for the Christingle and playing with melted chocolate. YUM!

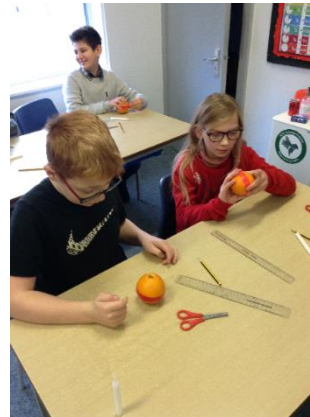


*We value all in the name of Jesus the Christ*





**Year 6** have been getting into the Christmas spirit by making Christmas cards. They have also been getting ready for the Christingle.



## Announcements

Mrs Steeper



I should like to take this opportunity to say a warm congratulations to Mrs Steeper who was appointed Deputy Head Teacher here at St Mary's. We wish her every success and many years of continued service serving our children.

I should like to take this opportunity to inform parents and carers that Mrs Tong, our Year 4 teacher, is leaving to take up another position. We are deeply grateful to Mrs Tong for her warm, caring and pastoral approach and we wish her well in her future career.

