



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*'Providing a Christ centred setting whereby everyone can live out the messages of Jesus with love, understanding and care'*  
St Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi Academy Company and St Mary's are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment

Designated Child Protection Officers: Ms O' Beirne, Miss Mosley, Mrs Brereton and Mrs Berry.  
Child Protection policy available at [www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk)

December 2019



Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow, what a month! We have had a number of events this month that have been stunning and the quality of experiences for the children has been second to none!

Thank you to all those who organised and took part in the Christmas Fair, school productions, the Carol Service and the many special memories we have made over the Advent period.



*"In switching on the light of the Nativity scene, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the crib."* Quote from Pope Francis

### Wishing you a Happy Christmas

Everyone at the school wishes you and your family a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday. Wishing you peace, health and happiness for the New Year.

**Thank you for your support of our school—we look forward to working with you in 2020!**

Every kind wish,

*Ms O'Beirne*

### Christmas Performances

Thank you to everyone involved in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas plays. The children did very well to manage such great performances. We are very grateful to all of the staff involved, and the Friends of St Mary's who provided refreshments and organised the raffle.



Thank you to everyone who donated towards our "Reverse Advent Calendar" in aid of CHADD.





We were thrilled to be presented with 2 trophies by the Royal British Legion in assembly. We received these awards for the amazing amount of money we raised in this years Poppy Appeal! Thank you to everyone who contributed!



We have to say goodbye to Mr Smith, who leaves us at the end of this term. Mr Smith has been in Year 5 covering until Mr Bowkett joins us in January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish him all the best in his new role!

We also have to say a tearful goodbye to Mrs Waterfield this term. We have been very lucky that she has been part of St Mary's. We wish her every success in her new part time financial role. In January we will welcome Mrs Scattergood who will take on the role of Principal's Assistant.

On the 9th & 10th of Nov, four girls from St Mary's participated in their first Irish Dance competition - The Wolverhampton Feis in Coventry.

Maisie (Y6), Sophia & Maddie (Y5) and Reese (Y1).

The dancers represented FRB Academy, earning medals and trophies! Congratulations to everyone involved!



Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!



HAGLEY PYRAMID OF SCHOOLS  
PRESENTS



MOTOWN  
MAGIC

13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE

Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay

## Calendar Dates Autumn Term 2019/2020

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All Day
Thursday 19th December	No After School Club	
Friday 20th December	Carol Service	9.00am
Friday 20th December	<b>Children Break up for Christmas—No After School Club</b>	2.00pm onwards
Monday 6th January	<b>SNOMAC INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	All Day
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school	8.40am
Friday 10th January	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 6	9.00am—10.00am
Tuesday 14th January	RE Workshop for Parents—Reception Class	2.15pm—2.45pm
Wednesday 15th January	RE Workshop for Parents—Year 3	2.15pm—2.45pm
Thursday 16th January	Year 3 Assembly	9.00am
Thursday 16th January	RE Workshop for Parents—Year 2	2.15pm—2.45pm
Friday 17th January	Class Mass—Led by Year 5	9.00am—10.00am
Monday 20th January	RE Workshop for Parents—Year 6	2.15pm—2.45pm
Tuesday 21st January	RE Workshop for Parents—Year 1	2.15pm—2.45pm
Wednesday 22nd January	RE Workshop for Parents—Year 5	2.15pm—2.45pm
Thursday 23rd January	RE Workshop for Parents—Year 4	2.15pm—2.45pm
Friday 24th January	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 4	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 30th January	Assembly—Mini Vinnies	9.00am
Friday 31st January	Class Mass—Led by Year 1	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 7th February	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 3	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 13th February	Year 6 Assembly	9.00am
Thursday 13th February	Pyramid Concert—Motown Magic at <b>Birmingham Town Hall</b>	7.00pm—10.00pm
Friday 14th February	Class Mass—Led by Year 2	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 14th February	<b>Children break up for Half Term—No After School Club</b>	3.00pm
Monday 24th February	School re-opens to Children	8.40am
Monday 24th February	Year 6 Residential to Astley Burf	9.30am
Wednesday 26th February	Year 6 Residential—Children Return to School	3.00pm
Wednesday 26th February	Whole School Mass—Ash Wednesday	Time to be confirmed
Thursday 5th March	KS2 Lenten Service	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 6th March	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 5	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 6th March	World Book Day	All Day
Friday 13th March	Class Mass—Led by Year 4	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 19th March	EYFS & KS1 Lenten Service	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 20th March	Class Mass—Led by Year 3	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 27th March	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 1	9.00am—10.00am
Tuesday 31st March	Parents Evening	5.00pm—7.30pm
Thursday 2nd April	Parents Evening	3.15pm—5.30pm
Friday 3rd April	<b>Children break up for Easter</b>	3.00pm
Friday 3rd April	<b>No After School Club</b>	



"A big thank you to Jess in Year 6 for designing this year's Christmas card, which will be sent to directors, academy committee representatives and other schools in the academy! We know they will be delighted to receive such a beautifully drawn card!"

