



## 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 Mary's is 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 Officer: Ms O' O' Beirne. Child Protection policy available at [www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk)*

December 2014

This Sunday (14th) is the third Sunday of Advent. Advent is an important time of waiting and preparation and it is a privilege to see all of the children busily preparing their 'festivities' to share with families and friends. Please join us if you can.



**We raised £169.00 for Children in Need. You were true Super-heroes. Thank you, Mrs Broomfield and Year 1, for organising**



Pudsey Bear

the cake sale.

The PTA have created a prayer tree in the school foyer. Children are invited to write a prayer and place it on our Christmas Prayer Tree. The money raised will be used to aid a local animal shelter.



Thank you so much for all the support given to our Christmas Fair. We raised £597.60. The PTA have arranged for a magician to come to school on the afternoon of Friday 19th

December.

We know parents like to share these precious moments with family who cannot be have not introduced a 'no filming / photographs' policy at present, but please re- these images are for private viewing only and must not be displayed on public so- tions. It is lovely if younger brothers and sisters come along to join in the awe and if you have a younger child who is a little noisy please be sensitive to the children stage and take them into the foyer / entrance area if they find it difficult to remain quiet during the services. Thank you.



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### LAST TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 9:15am** :Advent/Christmas Mass

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm** : KS1 Christmas production. Please do not arrive before 1:20pm as we need to clear away after lunch. Parents can collect their children after- wards when they have changed out of their costume. Please stay in the hall and a member of staff will collect your child from class. Don't forget to come back for the evening performance and please check that your child's costume is in school.



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:15am** Breakfast with Santa doors open. Please check if you are the first or sec- ond sitting.



**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 1:45pm** : Preschool and Reception Play. Please do not arrive before 1:20pm as we need to clear away after lunch. Parents can collect their children afterwards when they can changed out of their costume.

Please stay in the hall and a member of staff will collect your child / children from class.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am:** Pre- school and Reception play . Children to return to class



### Extreme Weather Conditions.

Just a reminder about school closures in extreme weather conditions. We will still use the system of informing parents via the local radio stations, school answering machine and the SMS text messaging system so please do let us know if you have changed your mobile number.



### Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.50%	97.51%	96.10%	97.13%	97.56%	96.18%	97.73%



Congratulations to Year 6 for winning the Attendance cup for last half term. As you can see the percentages were so close with a whole school overall percentage of 96.67%. Well done everyone!

### Choir

Congratulations to the school choir for making it to the finals of the Merry Hill Choir Contest. This was a wonderful achievement for a small school. The judges were so impressed that they awarded £250 to the school. Once again the



children were fantastic ambassadors for the school in their effort, encouragement and respect for others.

### Clubs

There will be no after school clubs for the first week back in January, but Breakfast Club will run from the first day back (Tuesday 6th January 2015).



### Jesse Tree at Parish Centre

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) will be at the Parish Centre on 9th and 16th December from 6pm to 7pm. This will be a great opportunity for children to meet after school in a parish setting and further their spiritual journey whilst being in a friendly and fun environment.

### Confirmation

Congratulations to the pupils who made their confirmation in November. This is a wonderful time in your life and in your journey of faith.

### Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Appeal raised £192.76

