



Issue 5: 16th November 2018



Sporting Success



It's been a busy few weeks for St Mary's sport. Firstly, HUGE congratulations to both our boys and girls football teams, who won the district football tournaments and went on to play the other champions of Hertfordshire in the County Finals! The boys finished 2nd and the girls came 1st and will now represent Hertfordshire in the Southern Regional competition in London! Truly remarkable and arguably St Mary's greatest sporting achievement ever! We could not feel more proud of them. Our B and C football teams also had matches, drawing 3-3 and winning 6-0 against St Christopher A and B teams. Our Year 6 basketball team also fared well in the basketball tournament, narrowly missing out on the final by just 2 points. Finally, our Year 4 rapid fire cricket team performed well, finishing 4th out of 16 teams.

Friday 16th November 2018



We all looked amazing in our spots and pyjamas to support Children in Need today! Together, we raised £233.00. Thank you all for your support!

School Trips

Yr 6 Broneirion - Please continue to make payments for the Yr6 residential trip each month.
Yr 4 Wildchild - Payment booklets have been sent home for this trip. Please pay each month.

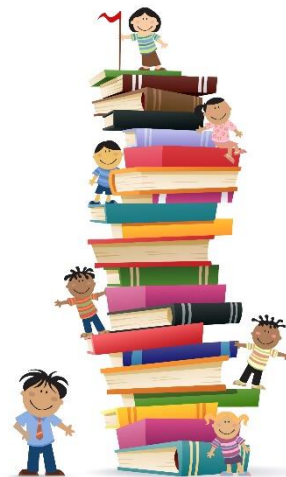
Year 3/4 Nativity



This year our Yr3/4 Nativity will be held on **Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 2pm and 6pm**. Further details to follow shortly.

Reading workshop for parents

On **Monday 19th November**, Miss Scammell will be leading a reading workshop for parents and carers in the school hall from **3.30pm**. The session will offer practical tips and resources to help with both decoding of words and comprehension of a text, as well as providing parents with an insight into the expectations for reading comprehension by the time children reach Year 6. Teachers will supervise your children whilst parents take part. If you've not already sent in the slip, please do so by Monday morning.



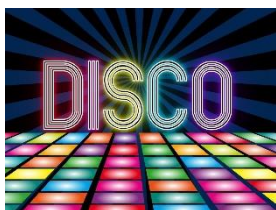
PTA NEWS



St. Mary's PTA are asking for donations of children's old/grown out of clean Christmas Jumpers. Please bring these into school **next week, w/c 19 Nov 2018**. The PTA will be re-selling them on 28/29 Nov 2018 (please see attached poster).



After the success of Ice Cream Friday the PTA will holding a Sweetie Friday. Bags of sweets will be sold under the Infant Gazebo starting on Fri 9th Nov 2018.



The PTA will be holding a disco evening on Thursday 6th December 2018. **Yr3/4 - 4.00-5.30pm and Yr5/6 - 5.45-7.15pm (please note a slight change to the timings of these)**. The ticket will include a hotdog and drink. Please see the attached poster. Tickets on sale from Monday 19th Nov in school office.



The PTA are organising a Secret Santa event to enable your child to buy a gift for an adult at home (parents, grandparents etc) without you knowing what they've chosen! Each gift will be **£3.00**. Please send in your slips and money by **Monday 3rd December**. Children will be chossing gifts on the 14th December (please see attached poster).

The next PTA meeting is at 2pm on Friday 23rd November at the Infant School. New members are always welcome to attend!



French pen-pal project



Year 6 children would like to give huge thanks to the Baldock Rotary Club for sponsoring our French pen-pal project. By donating £250, they have enable St Mary's to purchase the much-needed resources to make our link with a school in Samvignes-Le-Mines so successful.

Diary dates (further dates will be added throughout the term)

November

- w/c 19th - Donate children's old/grown out of clean Christmas Jumpers
- Mon 19th - Reading workshop for parents - 3.30-4.00pm
- Tues 20th - Knights Templar Music concert
- Thurs 22nd - Children Challenging Industry Year 6, session 2 (visitors into school)
- Wed/Thurs 28/29th - PTA selling Christmas Jumpers (location to be announced)
- Thurs 29th - Advent service in the school hall, 11am
- Fri 30th - Occasional day (SCHOOL IS CLOSED)

December

- Tues 4th - Year 3 Christingle class session
- Wed 5th - Year 6 visit to Johnson Matthey (letters to follow)
- Thurs 6th - Year 6 Communion, school hall
- Thurs 6th - PTA Disco Night - Yr3/4 - 4.00-5.30pm & Yr5/6 - 5.45-7.15pm
- Fri 7th - Choir to Burleigh House, Baldock
- Tues 11th - Year 3 Christingle class session
 - Year 3 and 4 Christingle service 11am, school hall
 - Year 3 and 4 Nativity 2pm and 6pm, school hall
- Wed 12th - Christmas lunch (Christmas Jumper Day for a donation of £1 to school fund)
- Mon 17th - Yr 3 Christmas Party (come to school in uniform and bring a change of party clothes)
- Tues 18th - Yr 4 Christmas Party (come to school in uniform and bring a change of party clothes)
- Wed 19th - Yr 5 Christmas Party (come to school in uniform and bring a change of party clothes)
- Wed 19th - Knights Templar Brass Band concert
- Thurs 20th - Yr 6 Christmas Party (come to school in uniform and bring a change of party clothes)
- Thurs 20th - Christmas Service, 9.30am St Mary's Church
- Fri 21st - End of term. **School closes at 1.30pm**

January 2019

- Thurs 10th - **Whole school** trip to Pantomime, Stevenage (12noon to 4.30pm)