

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



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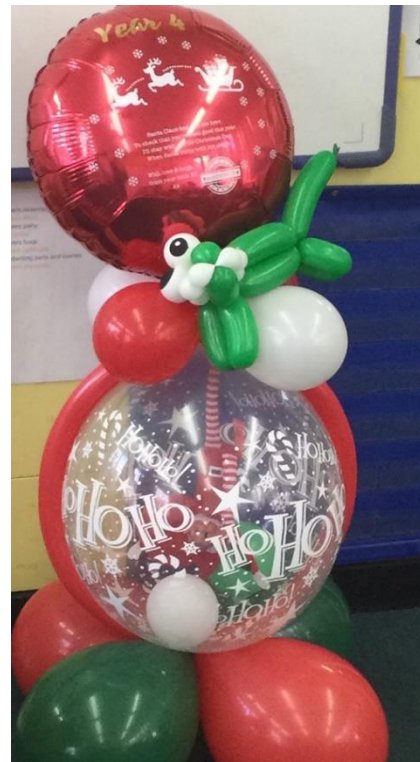
**We are proud of our Year
3 & 4 pupils for their
community carol singing**



Dear Parents

We have had a festive start to our Advent period at St Mary's. On Monday some very large balloons with Elves arrived for each class.

Our Christmas tree has arrived & will be decorated shortly. We have started our daily Advent Prayers & Songs. Children have started to take home our miniature Mary & Joseph for the evening, if your child would like to take them home one night, please let the office know.



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Year 1 took part in a virtual workshop with author & illustrator Sharon Davey which they found really interesting & it was great fun.

The Dorset Echo popped in this morning to take a photo of our Reception children in their first class photo. This will be printed alongside other school's Reception classes in an edition of the Dorset Echo, we will let Reception parents know when this is coming out.

We have another exciting treat for the children before they finish for Christmas, during the last week of term, they will take part in an interactive virtual pantomime of Cinderella.



We think the children will love this experience.

Christmas Stories Evening

Next Tuesday 7th we will be having our Christmas stories evening. It is a lovely evening & will run 5.45-6.30pm (Y4 children without siblings to be collected at 6.35pm), children are invited to come in their PJs, onesies or warm snuggly clothes. It will be held in the main school building. Please see the separate email

with an online form to show interest – many thanks.

Terms dates for 2022-2023

Please find attached to the newsletter email, a copy of the term dates for 2022-2023.



This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 3 & 4. The children, residents & staff at Culliford House Residential Home loved singing Christmas carols together. Here are some photos from our visit.

Thank you to the parents who walked with the children for this event.



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Kidszone Corner

This week in Kidszone, they have created autumnal trees using fingerprints, as well as designing and decorating fairies.

Each child has made a bauble for the advent calendar display, whilst some of the children learnt to crochet and we put our Christmas tree up.

There was also lots of fun in the playground with the parachute. We baked cupcakes and enjoyed decorating and having them alongside our snack the next day.



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Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring our lovely Christmas events, it is very much appreciated.

Please support the PTA by using their Christmas Shop which will be raising funds for St Mary's & is a lovely experience for the children. Deadline for forms is next Monday 6th to the school office.

Have a good weekend

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