

November 2016.

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St Mary's Priory Catholic School  
Infant and Junior School

# Newsletter

## Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome to our November Newsletter!

Thank you to all of you who help in school, without you so many fun activities would not happen.

### Online payments

#### From 28<sup>th</sup> November, School Closure Day

We are starting a 30 day trial for online payments. Feedback from you is vital in helping us choose the right provider. More information to follow.

### Bronze Award for Games !!

We have lots of FREE sports' clubs to help keep our children active and healthy.

### Attendance

Attendance at school is so very important. If your child is a little under the weather perhaps a dose of Calpol before school is the answer. Any donations of boxes of tissues for the classrooms are welcomed too.

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Christmas Fair: 12.00pm-3.00pm

The committee of the PSA are working hard to organise a very special event for all to enjoy.

Steel pans and Shetland ponies are just a couple of events to look forward to!

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Children from Year 5 with the help of Mrs Sheridan will be opening a Healthy Tuck Shop. This tuck shop will be available to Junior children every Tuesday morning playtime



### Dates for your

#### Diaries:

#### Monday 28th

#### November

School Closed

#### Saturday 3rd December

Christmas Fair 12.00-  
3.00pm

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Early Years' Christmas  
Production @ 10.00am

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Production for  
Years 1, 2 and 3 @ 2.00pm

#### Thursday

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Nativity @ 10.30am  
Years 4 & 5

11.00am-11.15am

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

Carols in the Park: Everyone is invited to join us singing carols in Chestnut Park from 4.30pm onwards. Families from other schools will be there to help us celebrate as a community.

The **winter lunch menus** are on our website.

Please take time to read them [click here to view](#)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

Christmas Lunch along with Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 16th December**

Autism Christmas Coffee morning [click here for details](#)

**Family support for St Mary's Priory**

We are very fortunate to be supported by two services that support families.

**Once a month** (on a Tuesday am 8.45am-11.45am) we have a Family support worker called **Kate Bell**, who is in to support our families, with a specific focus on **special needs issues**. Kate is based in Kingfisher. If you would like to speak to Kate you can get a referral form from the office or from the website. She advises parents on issues such as – disability, help understanding a diagnosis (eg: autism), completing disability benefit forms such as disability living allowance or carers allowance, behaviour support ideas and communication and development play activities.

In addition to this service we also have a family support worker from family action in **once a week** called **La Toya Henry**. She will also be based up in Kingfisher every Monday afternoon at 1.30pm-4.30pm and is available for a scheduled 1:1 slot or drop in sessions. Parents can self-refer or just turn up for a chat. She can offer general guidance on services, advice on parental support, housing, education and learning and benefits and entitlements. She will organise regular tea/coffee afternoons so that parents can get together for a chat and some support. If you are interested in seeing La Toya please see Mrs Neli and look out for any text message announcements regarding tea/coffee afternoons.

You can view additional information on our web page [click here](#)

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Yours sincerely  
Mrs F Collins  
Headteacher



**Student of the Month:**

**3B**

Sophia Restrepo

**3G**

Dylan Chacon-Clavijo

**4M**

David Major

**4N**

Vanessa Modzelewska

**5G**

Maja Grzybek

**5S**

Feza Nyota Kanyimbo

**6D**

James Palmer

**6G**

Joachim Narkwa

**Attendance of the Month:**

**Infants:**

**Robin 98.23%**

**Juniors:**

**3B 98.28%**