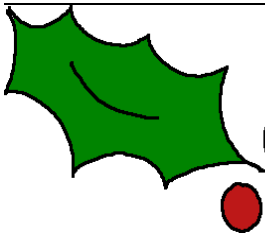


# St. Mary's Primary School

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## Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010



### Christmas Activities:

The end of term is rapidly approaching, so here are some reminders about dates and times.

Tonight (Friday 10<sup>th</sup>)  
**Children's Disco** KS1 5.45

- 7.15, KS2 7.30 - 9.00

**Children's Christmas dinner:** KS1 Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

KS2 Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please note that on Wednesday all KS2 children will need to bring a packed lunch and KS1 the same on Thursday. Children with free school meals will have theirs provided as usual.

**KS2 Christmas Performance:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 1.45 pm and 7 pm. There are still tickets available for both performances, please contact the school office. Children in KS2 who have to dress for a part should arrive at school by 6.20 pm and those who are singing should arrive by 6.40 pm.

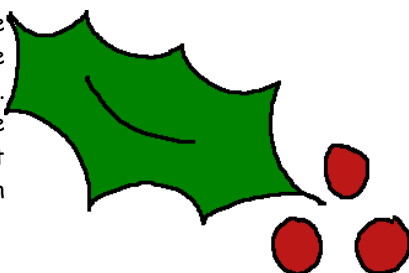
**Non-uniform day:** will be on Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Children will be 'fined' £1 for the privilege of not wearing their uniform. All proceeds go to the School Fund which (among other things) subsidises all the trips away from school.

### **End of term Christingle services:**

As usual this year we will be having a Christingle service in two parts, both on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. KS1 will have theirs at 9.15 in the school hall, and KS2 will be at St. Mary's Church at 2 pm. They will be dismissed from church at around 3.00 pm. We will keep children at church until you collect them unless we have specific written requests to do otherwise.

The children will come home today with 'candle boxes' for donations to the Children's Society in whose name we have a Christingle Service. It would be really good if everyone could put at least a small amount in them to help other, less fortunate children this Christmas. Also, we need as many silver mince pie cases (or similar) to make the christingles. Please bring as many as you can find to Reception from Monday.

Staff changes: The Local Authority have requested that Dr. Fancourt be seconded to support another school in



north Devon for two terms from January. The changes we are having to make as a result are: Mr. Scarrett will move to Firecrests and lead the Yr 5/6 team; Miss Skinner (who this term has been doing a job-share in Sandpipers) will take over Sandpipers full time. Mrs. Taylor-Short returns from maternity leave on a part time basis on Monday of next week and will job share with Miss Ayres in Seagulls.

### Road safety in Chanters Road:

The Governors are very concerned about the safety of all users of Chanters Road outside the school. They have arranged an open meeting for

10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 3.15 pm in the school hall, to which anyone with an interest is invited. They would like an open discussion about the main issues which they see as:

the school crossing, road markings, reducing the amount of traffic, parking, and the speed of traffic at peak times. Please put a note in your diaries and come along to express your views! If you would like to send a message to the Governors, the email address is [govs.stmarys@googlemail.com](mailto:govs.stmarys@googlemail.com)

### Cold Weather:

We have been asked to clarify our policy regarding children on the playgrounds in cold weather. As a general rule we expect children to go to the playgrounds before school, at break time and during the lunch break. If it is too wet, they stay indoors. There will always be a debate about whether it is too cold or too dangerous (eg. Icy) and that is the judgement we will make on a day to day basis. Although the recent temperatures have been low, provided the children are wearing warm outdoor clothing, they should be allowed to play outside. If the play areas are unsafe, they will have to stay indoors.

The whole staff would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

