



St. Mary's Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth

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Dear Parents/Carers

‘When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.’
Luke 2:10

Christmas Nativity

This year's Nativity was wonderful. The children performed really well. The reception classes had the main parts, the nursery class did a dance and some small speaking parts. Well done to the year one children for their outstanding reading. It is truly amazing that such young children achieved such a high standard. The choir sang beautifully and the Steel Pan orchestra performed well. Thank you to Mr Platt and Mr Owen Clarke. A special well done to Miss Woodley, Miss Barnard and Mrs Pitterson for their excellent team work. Thank you also to all the students and support staff who made a contribution to a lovely performance.

Parent as a Good Samaritan - Update

Thank you to Jahmari's Mum for returning Gloria's phone and umbrella to school. Gloria was so happy to receive them back. She said a huge thank you to school for all their help.

Dates for your diary

DATE	TIME	Event
13 December	4:00pm	Christingle Service. Choir singing at St Mary's Church
14 December 2015	6:00pm	Choir Christmas Concert
15 December 2015	1:30pm	KS1 and Nursery Christmas Party
16 December 2015	1:30pm	KS2 Christmas Party
18 December 2015	11:00am	Church Service

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Monday 14 December 2015. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire assembly is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

Ashley, Olivia, L'Maiya, Rumaysa, Deandra, Laura & Zainab Nursery For their participation in the Nativity	Whole Class RW For an excellent performance in the Nativity	Whole Class RB For an excellent performance in the Nativity
Mahrosh 1L For settling well into her new school	Mishall 1S For settling well into her new school	Haseen 2C For showing excellent skills in hockey and sharing his skills with others
Muhammed 2N For improving behaviour and showing a better attitude towards reading	Zoe 3J For writing a lovely and thoughtful Christmas prayer	Rishi 3/4S For consistently working hard and being the best he can be in all his subjects
Faris 4B For working hard to edit and improve his writing	Humza 5S For challenging himself to produce vivid images in poetry	Hannah 5/6W For working hard and making outstanding progress
	Zaynab 6B For working hard in all areas	

Kind and Thoughtful Person

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly teddy bear. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 14 December 2015. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office and swing on her chair.

KS1	KS2
Mariam For looking after a new child in her class	Manasseh For playing with a child who was by himself

Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	5S
Spick and Span	6B
Movement Bird	3J
Gymnastic Monkey	3/4S
Attendance	3/4S
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear goes to RW Runner Up RB

Parking in the Rectory Car Park

Can I please remind parents/carers that parking in the rectory car park is not allowed. It is private property therefore should not be used by parents/carer. Thank you for your continued support.

Mobile Phones reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

Term Dates

End of Term	Children break up on Friday 18 December 2015 and return to school on Tuesday 5 January 2016
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ava Sturridge-Packer CBE NLE
Executive Head Teacher

Message from Father Bob - St Mary's Church

Special Services for Children and Families at Handsworth, St Mary's over Christmas



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 13 December	4:00pm	Christingle Service. Choir singing at St Mary's Church
Friday 18 December 2015	7:00pm	Carols in Handsworth Park with the Salvation Army Band - bring a later or a torch for this 30 minute service.
Christmas Eve	5:00pm	Crib Service - children are invited to attend this 30 minute telling of the Christmas Story dressed as one of the characters from the story. (There will also be the traditional Midnight Mass by candlelight at 11.00pm)
Christmas Day	10:00am	All-Age Worship for Christmas Day

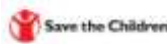
Message from Mrs Bains and St. Mary's School Council



Christmas Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has donated food and drink for the local Food Bank. If there are any more donations please hand them in to the class teachers as the food will be collected next week Wednesday. Remember , the theme is **CHRISTMAS!**

Christmas Jumper Day



Don't forget to '**Wear A Christmas Jumper**' to school on Thursday 17th Dec! We are looking forward to seeing as many children as possible wearing Christmas jumpers! This is in aid of ITV's Text Santa to raise money for the above 3 charities. Please hand in your donation of £1 or more to the class teacher.