

9 December 2011

Newsletter No 13



Dear Parents/Carers

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in the Celebration Assembly on Monday 12 December 2011. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Angel Dancers Nursery For a fantastic dance performance in the Nativity Play	The Whole Class RW For a fantastic performance in the Nativity Play.	The Whole Class RG For a fantastic performance in the Nativity Play.
Abdullah Raza 1H For always having a positive attitude to work.	Shayla-Moore Samuda 1/2L For working beautifully in Science this term.	Zainab Akhtar 2S For always producing fantastic work and always contributing confidently in class discussions.
Nathan Dooley 3L For writing a super play script from scratch.	Alisha Ejaz 3/4MW For working extremely hard in Design & Technology week.	Jacob Morgan 4W For good sewing work.
Adil Rasool 5B For always maintaining excellent standards of behaviour.	Coli Hall-Smith 5/6S For excellent work in Design & Technology week, designing a shelter.	Tawana Machiridza 6SH For an excellent 'Man in the Woods' story

Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	1H
Spick and Span	1H
Attendance	6SH
Dinner Time	Yummy Bear goes to 6SH Runners up - 5/6S

Kind and Thoughtful Person

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly dog. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 12 December 2011. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.



KS1	KS2
Omaymah Hussain 1/2L For comforting a child who was upset.	Sukhminder Bakhad 5/6S For handing in an i-phone that he found just outside the school gates.



Nativity Play

There was a beautiful Christmas Nativity performed yesterday by the Foundation Stage children. I was filled with great pride at the excellent standard that staff have encouraged our pupils to achieve. The reception classes had the main parts and the nursery class did an angel dance. Well done to our wonderful children and staff.

Christmas Dates for your Diary

Event	Time	Date
Christmas Carol Concert	6:00pm	Tuesday 13 December 2011
Christmas Church Service	11:15am	Thursday 15 December 2011

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Christmas Parties

Nursery, Foundation Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 13 December 2011. Key Stage 2 Christmas party will be held on Wednesday 14 December 2011. Both parties will start at 1:30pm. All children must come to school in their school uniform and bring their party clothes to change into in the afternoon.

Urgent Reminder for Reception Places - September 2012

Parents/carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2012 by no later than Monday 16 January 2012. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions or by contacting a member of the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service on 0121 675 0555.

Attendance

We continue to monitor our attendance and punctuality at St Mary's. Some parents may get a letter as a result of this. A number of children are still arriving late for school. Could you please ensure that your child/children arrive at school by 8:55am.

If your child is going to be absent from school then you will need to inform the school of the reason, either by phone or letter.

Term Dates

End of Term	Children break up on Thursday 15 December 2011 and return to school on Thursday 5 January 2012
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ava Sturridge-Packer CBE
Head Teacher