

6 January 2012

Newsletter No 15



Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break. Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart and ready to learn.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in the Celebration Assembly on Monday 9 January 2011. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Eesa Hussain Nursery For working hard in making a Christmas decoration.	Chantelle Garrick RW For making a lovely Christmas tree decoration.	Thomas Bairstow RG For making a beautiful hanging Christmas tree decoration.
Takiyree Levy-Grant 1H For making a fantastic vehicle during Design & Technology week.	Burhan Luqman 1/2L For making a vehicle in Design & Technology week independently.	Arun Fitzpatrick 2S For making a good vehicle during Design & Technology week.
Demario Brown 3L For making excellent progress in literacy and writing a nice shape poem.	Om Das Bangay and Anika Sowan 3/4MW For using their initiative and doing extra homework.	Ghazaala Nazir 4W For working hard in Science.
Oyinde Bascombe and Rehmel Brown 5B For excellent Design & Technology work.	Wiktorja Dziabowski 5/6S For excellent art work making a calendar.	Tasnia Islam 6SH For investigating different shelters and designing a shelter for living in the woods.

Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	2S
Spick and Span	3L
Attendance	5/6S
Dinner Time	Yummy Bear goes to 1/2L Runners up - 2S

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 9 January 2012. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.

	KS1	KS2	
	Jessica Peyton 1H For dancing with a child during the Christmas party who had no one to play with.	Zaynah Begum 3L For always thinking about how other people feel.	

Overview of Topics - Reminder

Attached is an overview of topics your child will be learning this Spring Term. I hope this will be useful when helping you child with his/her learning at home.

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