



Welcome back after the half term break to what is always a busy half term. Dare I mention the 'C' word already but the dates for the Christmas concerts are all booked, so please check the back of the newsletter to ensure you are aware of important dates. Class information letters will be sent home, as usual, with specific information for your child's class. The Friends of St Mary's have lots of exciting events coming up too this half term. I look forward to remaining in the Acting Headteacher post whilst Mr Short is absent. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to pop in and see me. Below are some general reminders and information. Kind regards, Mrs Martin.

Go Run for Fun: The whole school took part in the Go Run for Fun at Nobles Park in the last week of half term. All the children ran a mile and had great fun in the sunshine. Many thanks to Mrs Quinn for organising.



Dress Down Days: On Friday 23rd November there is a dress down day. Children are asked to bring in an item for a hamper.

Friday 14th December is Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like Christmas lunch for the day the cost is **£2.25 - this must be ordered and paid for by December 1st.** Any orders after this date or non payment will result in not being able to order a lunch. Please pay at the office. If your child normally has school dinners no extra payment is needed.

Children in Need: This is Friday 16th November children can wear spots or wear bright colours for the day and are asked to bring in a £1 optional donation.



Cake Sale: There will be a whole school cake sale on Thursday 15th November. Any cake donations (from KS2 only) would be gratefully received. If you are sending in homemade cakes please ensure that the tins/boxes are labelled with your child's name so they can be returned! Please be aware we have children in the school with NUT allergies so all cakes must not contain any nuts. Children are asked to bring in 50p in a named purse/wallet or envelope to purchase cakes.

Christmas Concerts: Due to the ongoing building works at school all performances, bar the Foundation Stage, will be held at SNHS hall. Dates and times on the back of the newsletter.

Morning Drop Off: Please can I remind parents if you are dropping your children off at school before 8.45am they are unsupervised. A member of staff will be on the yard at 8.45am. There have been a couple of accidents recently before a member of staff has been present. If parents need to call in to school before 9am and before 3.30pm please use the front door by the main office.

Attendance: If your child is absent from school please phone the school office on the morning each day that they are off school. If we do not receive a phone call the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

School Uniform: Can we ask again that all uniform items are named, including shoes! Now the weather is turning colder it is very important that all coats and hats etc are named. Can all PE kit items also be named.

Dinners: Dinners this half term are £78.75. Please ensure that dinner payments are made promptly and that they are up to date. Cheques must be made payable to the Isle of Man Government.

Holidays: At St Mary's we pride ourselves on good attendance. Should you request leave of absence for your child, please pick up a leave of absence request letter stating the special circumstances for the request. Only ten days can be authorised.

Sporting Events: Congratulations to our girls football team who took part in a competition on the last day of half term. The girls were outstanding and showed fantastic team work. It was a non point scoring competition but the girls won all their games, except one. Well done girls and many thanks to Mrs Quinn for organising and accompanying the girls.

Parking: We have had a request from the police that parents take extreme care when dropping off and picking up children and that people drive with caution and at slow speed.

Poppies: Poppies are now on sale during playtimes outside the main office. A minimum donation of 20p is requested for poppies. There are lots of other items for sale, such as, wristbands, snap bands and badges. Minimum donation for these items is £1.



New Staff: We welcome Mrs C Martin and Mrs A Clague who are joining our staff this half term in the role of Education Support Officers.

Website: Please ensure that you regularly check our fantastic school website for photos of events, information updates and forms you may need. <https://stmarys.sch.im>

Good to Be Green:
Our winners from last half term were:



Friends of St Mary's Meeting: The next meeting is Monday 16th November at 6pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Clubs: KS1 and KS2 choirs will start again this half term with Mrs Weeks and Mrs Dawson.

Monday morning pre school sports club (KS2) continues from 8.20am. If you wish to attend please pick up permission slips from Mrs Quinn. Years 1 and 2 Multi-sports club starts on Thursday 8th November until 13th December - 3.30 - 4.20pm.

KS1 British sign language club on Tuesdays at 12.30pm. Years 2/3 Hockey club Fridays 3.30-4.30pm.

Topics this half term are:

- Reception: Traditional Tales & All About Me
- Year 1/2: All About Me
- Year 3: Vikings
- Year 4: Vikings
- Year 5: Victorians
- Year 6: History on our Doorstep

Many Thanks,
Mrs Martin



Autumn Term 2

DATE:	EVENT:
Thursday 8th November	School Council Meeting
Thursday 15th November	Cake sale - bring 50p
Friday 16th November	Children in Need - Wear Spots /something bright- optional donation of £1
Monday 19th November	Friends meeting @ 6pm
Tuesday 20th November	Open the book assemblies Ks1 / Ks2
Thursday 22nd November	Douglas Christmas lights switch on - choir performing at Town Hall
Friday 23rd November	Dress down day - bring a hamper item
Friday 30th November	Friends Tombola / Carol evening @ 6pm
Tuesday 4th/Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th December	Friends Breakfast with Father Christmas - 8am-9am (KS2)
Tuesday 4th/Wednesday 5th/Thursday 6th December	Surprise gift room in mobile over lunchtime
Thursday 6th December	Christmas craft evening
Friday 7th December	GB Sports Star visit to school
Tuesday 11th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance at SNHS hall at 2.15pm and 7pm
Wednesday 12th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance at SNHS hall at 2.15pm and 7pm
Thursday 13th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance at St Mary's school hall at 2pm
Friday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Rotary Father Christmas Visit (KS1)
Tuesday 18th December	Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party School Council Meeting
Wednesday 19th December	Year 5 / 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 20th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Friday 21st December	Whole school mass at 10am LAST DAY OF TERM
***** Monday 7th January *****	First day of Spring Term