

ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL : NEWSLETTER

8th December 2016

Our PTA will be selling Christmas crafts and raffle tickets for our Christmas Hamper at the start of the Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas Plays next week and will also take pre-orders for the DVD recording of your child's Christmas Play (£4).

Our next whole school celebration of languages day 'Christmas around the World' will be taking place next **Friday 16th December**. At St. Mark's, the children are already getting excited about Christmas and are looking forward to learning about Christmas customs and traditions around the world.

It would be wonderful if any parents/carers who feel willing to share their own experiences and knowledge of Christmas celebrations through different languages and cultures could join us at some point during the day. If you are able to spare an hour to join in with the activities or to simply give our children the opportunity to hear a variety of spoken language from around the world, please let your child's teacher know and we will contact you with further details. We hope you can be part of what we are sure will be an enjoyable day to kick start our festive celebrations!

Many thanks in advance, Mrs Knights and Mrs Colley (MFL Co-ordinators)

Thank you for your generous donations for the Wood Street Mission's Christmas Appeal. The appeal aims to help local families who are struggling by donating new toys and food. **We will be accepting donations until Monday 12th December** and are asking those parents/carers willing to support Wood Street to donate **gifts for children** up to age of 18 such as a new toy or book, gadgets, toiletries or jewellery or to donate **non-perishable foods** such as tinned fish, meat, beans, fruit, vegetables, soups, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, long life juice or milk, biscuits and confectionery. The collection boxes are located in the reception next to the school office.

Year 1 Reminder:
Donations of £1 towards party food would be appreciated as soon as possible.
Thank you.

You are invited to join our Nursery, Reception and KS1 pupils at their Christmas Service in St Mark's Church on Tuesday 20th December at 2.30pm. If your child attends Nursery in the morning only, you are welcome to bring them with you to the service.

Good luck to all our pupils taking part in the cross country race at Bolton Road on Saturday

We are delighted to hear that some of our current and ex-pupils are starring in "Cinderella Needs a Fella" with Jack P Shepherd at the Z-Arts Theatre in January. Further information about dates and prices can be found at <http://www.z-arts.org/events/cinderella-needs-a-fella/> or telephone 0161 232 6089

As online Christmas shopping continues, we are delighted to note an increase in supporters on the Easyfundraising website and have raised over £111 for our school. If you haven't already joined and wish to do so, please head to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarksworsley/> and join for free.

Keep up to date with school news and events by visiting our website (stmarksce.co.uk), follow us on twitter (@stmarkmywords) or have a look at the PTA Facebook (St Marks CofE School PTA)

Every time you shop online, **go to easyfundraising first** to find the website you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to our school for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations. Please pass on the link to family, friends and colleagues.

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Events and Reminders:

Nursery

- Weds 14th Dec: Costumes due in school today for Nursery rehearsal
Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch and optional Christmas Jumper with uniform
Fri 16th Dec: Christmas Sing-a-long at 10.30am and 2.30pm
Mon 19th Dec: Non-uniform for Christmas Party. Part-time Morning children to attend in afternoon.
Tues 20th Dec: Christmas Service in St Mark's Church, 2.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Reception

- Fri 9th Dec: Nativity costumes in school by today
Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch and optional Christmas Jumper with uniform
Thurs 15th Dec: Christmas Play at 9.30am
Mon 19th Dec: Non-uniform for Christmas Party
Tues 20th Dec: Christmas Service in St Mark's Church, 2.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Class 1M & 1S:

- Tues 13th Dec: Christmas Play at 9.30am. Admission by ticket only.
Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Play at 9.30am. Admission by ticket only.
Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch and optional Christmas Jumper with uniform
Mon 19th Dec: Non-uniform for Christmas Party. Donation of £1 towards party food.
Tues 20th Dec: Christmas Service in St Mark's Church, 2.30pm. All welcome to attend.
Weds 21st Dec: Toy day. No electronic toys allowed

Class 2M & 2S

- Tues 13th Dec: Christmas Play at 9.30am. Admission by ticket only.
Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Play at 9.30am. Admission by ticket only.
Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch and optional Christmas Jumper with uniform
Mon 19th Dec: Non-uniform for Christmas Party
Tues 20th Dec: Christmas Service in St Mark's Church, 2.30pm. All welcome to attend.
Weds 21st Dec: Toy day. No electronic toys allowed

Class 3M & 3S

- Fri 9th Dec: **Class 3S** Film afternoon. Children may bring a blanket/cushion or teddy.
Fri 9th Dec: **Class 3M**: Pyjama Day
Mon 12th Dec: Cooking for D&T.
Tues 13th Dec: Non-uniform for Christmas Party
Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch and optional Christmas Jumper with uniform
Mon 19th Dec: Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church, 6pm.
Weds 21st Dec: Toy day. No electronic toys allowed

Class 4M & 4S

- Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch and optional Christmas Jumper with uniform
Mon 19th Dec: Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church, 6pm.
Tues 20th Dec: Non-uniform for Christmas Party.
Weds 21st Dec: Toy day. No electronic toys allowed

Class 5, 5/6 and 6

- Weds 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch and optional Christmas Jumper with uniform
Mon 19th Dec: Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church, 6pm.
Tues 20th Dec: Film afternoon
Weds 21st Dec: Toy day. No electronic toys allowed

Whole School

- Fri 9th Dec: School Choir sing at Walkden Shopping Centre at 2pm
Fri 16th Dec: Languages Day
Weds 21st Dec: School closes at 3.30pm