



# St Mary's News 2021 December Issue 3

*"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"*

Dear Parents,

## This week



Happy New Year and Welcome back to you all,

The children look rested and assure me that Santa Claus came, in all cases. Some got more than they bargained for with an unwelcome dose of CoVid, however, it appears that most enjoyed some sort of relaxation, indulgence and festivities.

Children's smart uniforms, polite and enthusiastic attitudes and their readiness to learn, has been great so far. Well done children.

We welcome several new staff, this term, including Miss Jones in Y4, Mrs Dell our new SEN lead, Mrs Joyce in our school office and Miss Scully supporting in Y2. Please introduce yourself as the term unfolds. They have all made a great start!

Street teams were in school, yesterday. They present online safety and safeguarding messages in differing ways, to support our Safeguarding approaches. The Street team staff were all CoVid negative, and children and staff engaged in some good activities. It was very noticeable, that in some instances, your children are playing on games that are way beyond their chronological age, including violent games, such as Grand theft Auto. We will be in touch with you, if we feel it is affecting their play and social interactions with others.

Please keep a close eye on your emails, with regard to updates from school, on Corona Virus close contacts. Please also ensure that you err on the side of caution before sending symptomatic or close contact children into school. We really do not want to revert back to remote learning unless it is absolutely necessary, however, we do need to keep staff and your children safe.

## Upcoming events:

**Fri 7/1/22 - Punctuation Show** for Y5 and Y6 in school.

**Mon 10/2/22** Y6 - St Chad's visit.

**Sunday 13/2/22**- 9.30am Y3 Mass of Commitment to receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the summer term.

**Thursday 17/2/22** - School finishes for half term for all children on this day.

**Friday 18/2/22** -INSET Day for all staff.

**Thursday 3/3/22**- Confirmation for Y6 at 7pm in St Mary of the Angels Church

Please **watch** the website and your messages/emails, as the weather begins its usual tricks, at this time of year.

## Other news

With sadness, we will be saying Goodbye and God bless to Mrs Susan Wilkinson, our Chair of Governors, at the end of this month. She has become a household treasure, here at St Mary's, taking her governance duties seriously and supporting in a multitude of ways, ranging from chairing meetings to supporting on school trips. We will miss her cheery voice and lovely ways in and around school, and are planning how best to thank her for her wonderful dedication to our school..

## And Finally...

*Please keep Mrs Sullivan (Y1 and Y6 Lunchtime Supervisor) and her family, in your thoughts and prayers. Her father passed away last night. May he rest in peace, Amen..*

