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HEADTEACHERS NEWS

What a difference a few months makes...we are now in the throes of autumn and don't we know it with the wind and the rain.

The children are all getting busy to perform their Christmas performances to you so please make sure you book your seats via Parentpay. It is really crazy to think that after this week we only have three more weeks of the term left and Christmas knocking on our doors!

As always if you need any help with anything please let us know, we can signpost or find out if there is support out there. We have many different groups we go to for support and it is reassuring to know that they are only too happy to help.

We would like to develop a Reading Army at our school; this is a group of parents, grandparents and carers who come to the school to hear children read. We will be able to do your DBS check as a volunteer and help you learn the ropes. If you are interested, please do let Mrs Cox, Mrs Breslin or myself know via Dojo and we will align you to some children who need help with their reading. We would love to have you!

As always thank you for the support that you give to the school; St Mary's is such a great school with such a lovely feel and that is down to all of us working together for the very best outcomes for our children.

With warmest wishes, Mrs McDonald and the team at St Mary's



Last Friday Key Stage 2 organised stalls and prizes for pupils to raise money for Children In Need together with donations for wearing Pudsey themed spotty clothing.

We have raised a grand total of

£329.64

Thank you for supporting us in raising this amazing total.

Christmas Plays

Nursery and Reception

7 December @ 10.00 am

8 December @ 2.00 pm



Year 1 and 2

6 December @ 2.00pm

7 December @ 2.00pm



Year 3 and 4

Monday 5 December @ 2.00 pm
and 6.00 pm

Please ensure you have booked tickets through Parentpay

Year 5 and 6 – Christmas Concert

Monday 12 December @ 6.00pm

St Mary's Catholic Church

*Tickets not required

Headteachers special mention to: All our pupils for practising their plays/songs beautifully



Parent Support Advisor Update!



Please could we ask that all sickness and absence is reported to school via our absence line (01208 73218 option (1)). If your child is absent due to illness please could you let us know what symptoms your child has - we request that you do not say just unwell.

If your child is absent due to illness for longer than 3 days we may request medical evidence such as a copy of a GP appointment or prescription in order to continue to authorise the absence. This is in line with our attendance policy which can be found on our website.

St Mary's is passionate about children achieving the best possible education and good attendance is key to this. The expectation for attendance is 96%, if you are having difficulties with your child coming into school then please do get in contact so we can support and help.

We have added to our website a Mental Health and Wellbeing section. This includes how we are supporting pupils at school, copies of the newsletters and how to access support.



Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a nursery assistant at our school.

<https://cornwall.referrals.selectminds.com/schools/jobs/search/998003/page3>

Follow the link for more details. The closing date is the 2.12.22

We also have a vacancy for a meal time assistant to come and work with the team at St Mary's. This is for an hour a day to support the teachers and teaching assistants with lunchtime cover. Full training and support will be given.

End of Term	16 December 2022
Start of Spring Term	3 January 2023
Spring Half Term	13-17 February 2023
Inset Day	20 February 2023
End of Term	31 March 2023
Start of Summer Term	17 April 2023
Bank Holiday	1 May 2023
Summer Half Term	29 May – 2 June 2023
Inset Day	5 June 2023
Inset Day	24 July 2023
Inset Day/End of Term	25 July 2023

Sunday 4 December
10am until 4pm

WHEEL MARTYN
CLAY WORKS

ELVES AND REIN-DOG
FESTIVE FUN DAY

A day filled with festive family fun and a chance to meet Father Christmas! Join us to celebrate the festive season and bring your dogs as reindeer and children as elves.

Explore the museum and woodland trails for a discounted entry of £5 for adults and £3 for children, with lots of fun activities on offer for all.

We are incredibly excited to announce Father Christmas will be visiting Wheel Martyn for the day! You can book your place to meet him (£3 per child) and hear a captivating Cornish story told by one of his elves. Rumour has it that he may bring a few presents too!

For more info call 01726 850362
www.wheel-martyn.com

children's hospice
SOUTH WEST

Raise festive cheer in your Christmas gear!

Santas on the Run

eden project

Walk, jog or run 2k at the Eden Project on Sunday 4 December 2022

Sign up today www.chsw.org.uk/santas

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26th Nov
23rd Dec

THE ART OF ELFING

BODMIN'S CHRISTMAS POP UP WORKSHOP!

Learn how to be an Elf and help get Bodmin ready for Christmas!

Book your space at www.intobodmin/elf-hq

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ADULTS BY DONATION

BODMIN LIBRARY

BOARD GAMES GANG

Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm

No need to book.

Everybody welcome!

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