



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

With the colder weather, we are getting to that time of year when our thoughts turn to Christmas! We have our pantomime tomorrow (Tuesday) and the children are busy rehearsing songs and carols for our Christmas productions. A bit early? Well, of course we end up celebrating Christmas a couple of weeks before the day. But having two Christmas, one with your children and one with our own families is a real privilege!

Best wishes
Mrs Herrera (Headteacher)

Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal

The Diocese of Plymouth is organising an Advent collection and has asked each school to take part. We therefore have a large orange collection box outside the office and we are collecting the following:

- Postage stamps (any country) – please leave a half cm border around each one.
- Coins and bank notes – any currency
- Postcards
- Metal badges, keys, watches

The money raised will help needy families and children in the diocese.

Mission Statement

Staff have worked recently on a new mission statement for the school, which is:

'To love, value and respect each other within the Catholic family; to nurture each individual's talents and skills, as Jesus taught us.'

We have also readopted the following strapline: *'Everyone matters and is loved by God'*.

Children in Need

Everyone should have received a letter from our School Council giving you information about arrangements for Children in Need Day on Friday 18 November. We are all looking forward to a very spotty day and look forward to receiving your donations of cakes which we will sell to children during break (bring a small amount of money) and to parents after school.

Christmas Performances dates

Rehearsals are already underway! Please put the dates in your diary as we would like as many children as possible to take part in both the afternoon and evening performances.

Tuesday 13 December – afternoon
Wednesday 14 December – evening (6:00pm).

Leweston 11+ Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarship examinations and application dates for September 2012 entry to Year 7 will be held in January. Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January 2012 are assessments for Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Sports and All Rounder Scholarships. The closing date for entries is Monday 23 January 2012.

Rights Respecting Schools

You should have received an invitation for the re-launch of our Rights Respecting Schools Award. This will be held on Thursday 24 November at 1:45 and we hope as many of you will come along as possible to help us commit to working towards becoming a Rights Respecting School. The children have also brought home a blank poster sheet and

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Detailed guidance and application forms are available from the Leweston website or contact Louisa Cox, Marketing and Admissions Manager for more information.

a leaflet on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please help them to select an article to illustrate on the poster – prizes will be awarded for the best ones.

Help needed

Do we have a budding lighting technician out there? We are in need of one or two people who would be able to put up the lighting for the school Christmas performances and dismantle it again afterwards.

If you are able to help us, please get in touch with Mrs Blake.

Robin Hood Pantomime

The children will be watching Robin Hood on Tuesday in the school hall and we are all looking forward to a great performance. If you have not already sent in your contribution of £5.00, please hand this to your class teacher this week.

Remembrance Day

Mrs Setchfield very kindly took the oldest and youngest School Council members to represent our school at the Remembrance Day Service on Friday. Sam Shepherd and Hayden Setchfield from Year 6 plus Toby Palmer and Charlotte Horn from Year 1 not only laid a wreath on behalf of St Mary's but also made it for us. They behaved beautifully and were a real credit to our school.

Congratulations

Well done to our football team who last week beat St George's, Bourton 1 – 0. Our High Fives (netball team) also did really well

Many thanks to Mrs Northcott, Mr Skivington and Mrs Moore for all the work they do with the teams to get them in shape for the various matches and tournaments.

Dates for your diary

Friday 18 November- Children in Need
Thursday 24 November- Rights Respecting Schools award
Tuesday 13 December – afternoon Christmas performance
Wednesday 14 December – evening Christmas performance
Thursday 15 December- Christmas lunch
Friday 16 December- Last day of term
Tuesday 03 January- INSET (School closed to children)
Wednesday 04 January- Children back to school