

# St. Mary's Mail



Date: 15th December 2023

Bi- Weekly News from St.Mary's

Dates for the Diary



What better way to end a busy term than having a super busy last week! Check out the second page of this newsletter to see what we have been up to.

This morning at the Christingle service, we heard (although could not see the pictures) the story "Refuge" by Anne Booth and Sam Usher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRdluO2CjQ>

We have thought about how Joseph and Mary must have felt not knowing where they would be taking refuge each night of their journey. We briefly reflected on people living in the modern society looking for refuge, including those displaced due to conflict, flooding and homelessness. The book spoke of love and joy and we remember the sense of hope that the birth of Jesus brought, this is why we 'rejoice at Christmas time'. This is a lovely book and worth another look over Christmas if you have time. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you again for your on going support and thank you to our brilliant team for their commitment.

## Congratulations

There have been lots of Christmas competitions taking part in school this week adding to our festive spirit.

We had some incredible entries in the Friend's Christmas Cupcake competition, the standard was so high it made judging extremely difficult. Congratulations to the KS1 winner Hope P, KS2 winner Maisie L and Mrs Noble for the winning adult entry.



Well done to everyone who entered the Christmas colouring/drawing competition. The winners were:

- ★ EYFS—Jacob M
- ★ KS1— Caoimhe
- ★ Y3/4—Reecie
- ★ Y5/6—Willow

Cherry Class were the well deserved winners of the Christmas classroom door competition with their very jolly Santa.



Thank you to our Lead Brave Changemakers for organising these events and to everyone who took the time to enter them.

15th December	Christmas Disco
18th Dec-1st Jan	Christmas Holiday
2nd Jan 2024	Start of Term 3
5th Jan 2024	Y6 Lifeskills trip
9th Feb 2024	End of Term 3
19th Feb 2024	Start of Term 4
15th Mar 2024	INSET day
13-16 May 2024	Y6 SATs
15-17 May 2024	Y4 Greatwood

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

## CHRISTMAS DISCO

**FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

6-7 PM PRESCHOOL/ EYFS/KS1  
7-8 PM KS2 (YOUNGER CHILDREN WELCOME TO STAY)

£2.50 per child  
£5.00 per family of 3  
Preschool children free  
Pay cash on the door

**BBQ, Bar and Tuck Shop**

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.  
IF YOU CAN HELP WITH SET UP, CLEAR UP OR TUCK SHOP PLEASE LET THE FRIENDS KNOW

## Excel Daily

Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates :

Amber Me, Perrie, River-Rose, Charlie E, Apple Class, Florence M, Cherry Class, Esme E, Mylie L, Amy G, Cooper, Avery, Osian, Pear Class, Darby, Ash class, Oliver B, Louis L, Cassie A, Alfie T, Zac dN, Sienna L, James T, Lexi M, Mateo, Lena, Marnie, Ezmae, Reece H, Anna T-G, Sphe M, Connor, Gabbi W, Kaiden, Elizabeth H, Sycamore Class, Poppy S, Adrian, Esmee K, Edward C, Mollie M, Finley T, Jem, Gabriella, Edward G & Elizabeth B.



## Thank You

We would like to say a very big thank you to Morrisons for their kind donation of over 300 oranges for Christingle and for also donating a large number of selection boxes as gifts for all the children. Their community spirit was much appreciated by everyone.



Also thank you to the amazing Friend's of St Mary's who purchased the rest of the selection boxes to ensure every child in school received a special gift.

