

St. Mary's Mail



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Bi- Weekly News from St.Mary's

Goodbye Mrs Doyle

As you are undoubtedly aware, Mrs Doyle- our highly respected teacher and SENDCO-will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Doyle has a long standing association with St. Mary's, first as a parent and then as a member of staff. In the 30 years that's she has been part of our community, she has not only had a significant impact on the hundreds of children she has taught but also has been a great support to parents. As a member of the school leadership team—both as SENDCO and when she was acting deputy head, Mrs Doyle has always given well-considered advice both in a professional capacity but equally as a kind and compassionate person.

Good luck in your retirement Mrs Doyle!

Mrs B Scriven

A message from Duncan Beedie our Patron of Reading

Although some of you will have met me 'virtually' during the celebration assembly the other week, I wanted to take this opportunity to say a big 'hello' and say how privileged I am to be the new Patron of Reading at St Mary's Primary School.

As we head into Christmas, I think it's fair to say that there have been substantial elements to 2020 that we would all rather forget. So I'm even more excited to be working alongside the school in 2021 to help carve out new stories with the pupils, sharing our favourite books and illustrations, and giving some insight into my story making process as I work on my latest book.

Until then, have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Duncan

Tree of Light Colouring Competition

Yate Rotary Clubs "Tree of Light" which is located in the east entrance of the shopping centre next to the petrol station allows people to sponsor a light in memory of a loved one or special event. To celebrate the switching on of the lights on the 4th December our year 5 & 6 children were invited to take part in a colouring competition. We are delighted to announce that three children were given runner up prizes of £5 each; Thomas E, Winston H and Amy B. The following children also received highly commended certificates for their entries ; Luis B, Jade B, Lexi F, Elliott B, Kacey E and Charlotte B.

Well done to all of you for some great designs.

Welcome Miss Norman

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Norman to our teaching team. Miss Norman will be stepping into Mrs Doyle's teaching role, teaching Cherry class for the first half of the week. She will then be working in collaboration with Mrs Hill and Mrs Humphreys as we support children in 'catching up' with learning missed during lockdown.

Miss Norman is an experienced class teacher. with a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm. We are very much looking forward to her joining the team.

Dates For Your Diary

14 Dec 2020	Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinner
15 Dec 2020	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner
16 Dec 2020	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner
16 Dec 2020	Pantomime—"Cinderella Live"
18 Dec 2020	Christingle service
18 Dec 2020	End of term
4 Jan 2020	Start of term

Christmas Dinner Menu

Mon 14th Reception & KS1,

Tue 15th Year 3 & 4, Wed 16th Year 5 & 6

Turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & gravy

Vegetarian sausage plait, stuffing, roast potatoes, peas, & carrots

Christmas biscuits & fruit

Ham or Cheese Sandwich will be available to the year groups not having Christmas dinner on the Mon, Tues & Wed

Children can wear Christmas jumpers/tops/Christmas hats/hair accessories etc.. on the day of their Christmas Dinner



Reverse Advent Calendar

Once again the school community have shown great kindness and generosity in our request for donations for the reverse advent calendar. All food donated will be going to the local Foodbank and will help those in our local community who need support over the Christmas period.

Thank you!

