



St Mary's Catholic Academy

Newsletter No.5 – Friday 17th December 2021



*Christmas Blessings and Best
Wishes for 2022
From all the Staff at St Mary's xx*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy time with your families. As we head into some uncertain times again, we pray that all in our community remain safe, in good health and ready for a new term with energy and enthusiasm for learning in the new year.

Dates for your diary

Tues 4 th Jan 2022	Children return to school
Thurs 6 th Jan at 10am	Epiphany Mass at St Mary's
Tues 8 th Feb	Parents Evening
Wed 9 th Feb	Parents Evening

Nursery Places

We have Nursery place available for after Christmas. If you have a child of Nursery age or know a friend or family with a child, we would love to offer them a warm welcome to our school community. Please visit the school office for an application form.

Christmas Productions

A massive thank you for keeping to the COVID standards to ensure we keep everyone safe at the performances. We are very proud of the children and their contributions to the performances.

The KS2 performance was film as there was a last-minute possibility family could not attend. Thank goodness this did not happen! Enjoy watching the video with your family:



<https://youtu.be/wO5j00Q6qho>

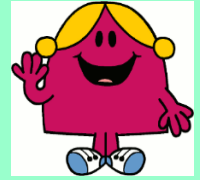
COVID Update

We know nothing different about the return to school in January. We pray we do not revisit last year's times of school closure.



Chatterbox –**RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Teachers have been preparing Chatterbox each week since October half term. The purpose of Chatterbox is to provide you with opportunities to talk about your child's learning with them at home. As well as enjoying a conversation with your child, it will support them in remembering their learning. **Please let me know how useful these are for you by making a quick response, following this link.** If no positive responses are received, we will stop creating this resource.



LINK: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RGw8iocv6kquk_8WueyVlpZsxigEO9VKr2jeKuPLB5FUM1ozWFBVVFNBUIEwUzINSktVQzJVQUxTWC4u

If they are valuable and this view is shared, we will continue creating them next term.

Punctuality

School begins at 8:50am. Nursery begins at 8:40am and 12:30pm in the afternoon. Arriving after this means that your child is late and joins their class when the rest of the children are settling to their work.

Please, in January, make every effort to ensure your child has time for their breakfast at home and reaches the school gate before the school bell.

School Uniform

Ties must be worn in school on top of cotton blue shirts. Letters will be sent out in the new year where your child is not wearing the correct school uniform. Please support school in this matter.

Data Collection

Unfortunately, I have only just received the necessary documentation from Our Lady of Lourdes Trust to set up the data and permission request. You are all busy enough at this time so I will collect this information from you in the new year. Thank.

Have a wonderful Christmas. I hope you can enjoy peace and love over the festive period. Travel safely if you are visiting family and friends and I pray that 2022 brings hope for good times to come.

Much love,

Anne-Marie Bell and the St Mary's Team