

St Mary's Community Primary School

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We love celebrating success at St. Mary's ... and what a wonderfully successful week we have had!

Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you to all parents who voted, shared and encouraged family and friends to give us their votes, for the Aviva Community Fund. We were absolutely delighted to find out on Tuesday that we are finalists and are one step closer to securing £5,000 funding towards updating our IT provision. A huge thank you goes to Rosie Smith and the rest of the PTA who have worked so hard and applied for this funding on our behalf. We will keep you posted in the new year on the progress of this application.

We would also like to say a big thank you to those of you who supported our Book Fair this week. We managed to sell an incredible £610.59 worth of books and, in turn, our school will receive the same amount back in free books for the library. Can we also remind you, to keep sending in your book vouchers from Archant newspapers. Again, we are well on the way to securing at least £100 worth of free books, and possibly more!

Over the last month, Year 6 have been very fortunate to work with Posy and some of her students from Norwich School. On Wednesday evening, they had a chance to sing with two other Norfolk schools to a packed-out audience at the Cathedral. The children sang one song on their own with Mrs Treavett making her conducting debut. They sang beautifully, and once again, were a credit to our school.

"It was exhilarating, because it was such an amazing experience. It was so exciting to sing to such a big audience". Luke

"It was really interesting to learn that the organ there is the fourth largest in the country, with over 6,000 pipes. The building was beautiful" Tilly



Norwich Puppet Theatre: On Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 were joined for the day by Norwich Puppet Theatre, who performed a shadow puppet show, giving hints and tips for the workshops taking place later on in the day. The children completed lots of experiments, learning about light and shadow. They then had a chance to make box kaleidoscopes and create the scenery for their own shadow puppet show, which they will be performing later on this term. Next week, the children will be making their own puppets.

Decorations morning: How lovely to see so many family members joining in the Christmas decoration frenzy this morning. Everyone looked like they were really enjoying themselves, and the decorations you helped make will be proudly displayed on our tree in the hall.

Gressenhall Christmas Tree Light Switch-on Competition: Congratulations to our winners for the Light Switch-On Competition

Reception - Austin

Yr 1 - Ashleigh

Yr 2 - Lucas

Yr 3 - Chloe

Yr 4 - Hadley

Yr 5 - Edith

Yr 6 - Tilly

The overall winner is **Holly from Year 5** who will get to switch the lights on this Sunday. All the winners will be presented with a prize on Sunday at the fete. The fete will start at 3pm, with Father Christmas arriving at 3.15 and the lights being switched on at 4.30pm. There will be lots to entertain children and adults with Father Christmas in his grotto, BBQ, Tombola, Fairground Ride, Refreshments, Christmas Stalls, Raffle and more!!

Please make sure you visit our PTA's stall.

Christmas Post Box: The post box for Christmas cards will be put out in the library next week. Please ensure cards have children's names and class written clearly on the envelope, so that our Year 6 elves can deliver them!

Proud to belong

Buy a Gift: Just a reminder that the PTA will be holding their annual Buy a Gift event next Thursday and Friday. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to do a little bit of their own Christmas shopping and buy presents for their family members. Please ensure that children bring money in a named envelope or purse. For the younger children, it is a good idea if they have a list of who they are buying for as they can often forget! Gifts range from 50p to £3 and they will be wrapped and labelled. If your child is able to bring a carrier bag with them, this would be very helpful.

Christmas Dinner: Please don't forget to return forms for Christmas Dinner (with payment of £2.30 for KS2 children) on Monday. There will be no other dinner options this day and all previous bookings will be cancelled.

A final thank you to Mrs Buck and to Mr and Mrs Parnell-Cook for the lights and decorations that they have donated. These will make a wonderful addition to our tree.

Kind regards
Mrs J Balado

Letters sent home this week:

- KS1 - Nativity tickets

- Christmas Dinner letter

STAR, DIAMOND AND ANGEL OF THE WEEK

	STAR: Great progress 	DIAMOND: Great effort 	ANGEL: Excellent behaviour 	WRITER 
Reception	Thomas	Charlotte	Betsy	Austin
Year 1	Bonnie	Sophia	Isaac	Daniel
Year 2	Lexi	Ada	Oscar	Trinity-Rose
Year 3	Isaac	Oakley	Jack	Molly K
Year 4	Thomas	Riley	George	Savannah
Year 5	Poppy	Brandon	Max B	Joe
Year 6	BB & Poppi	Keira	Scott	Connie

Dates for your diary (new/amended items are in bold and italics)

Sunday 2 December	Gressenhall Christmas Fayre
Monday 3 December	Christmas post box out
Monday 3 December	Flu immunisations
Monday 3 December	KS2 Swimming Gala
Tuesday 4 December	Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight checks
Thursday 6 December	Buy a gift
Friday 7 December	Buy a gift
Monday 10 December	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 11 December	Choir to Woodstock and Bilney Hall
Thursday 13 December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 13 December	Carol concert at Gressenhall Church 6.30pm (details to follow)
Friday 14 December	Christingle service (children only)
Friday 14 December	Bring it in day - Bring in cakes (KS1) / gifts (KS2) & wear your own clothes
Friday 14 December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 17 December	Party day
Tuesday 18 December	Last day of term
Wednesday 19 December - Wednesday 2 January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	

Thursday 3 January Back to school

FILL A SOCK (OR TWO) AND HELP THE HOMELESS



Please help us help others by filling a sock with the following items:

- Toothbrush & small tube of toothpaste
- Roll on deodorant.
- Sweets or chocolates.
- Comb
- Gloves
- Baby or handwipes
- Boxers/knickers (Medium)
- More socks!



Please do not include money or any items that contain alcohol such as hand gel

If you are only filling one sock remember to put the other one inside as well. These can be tied with a coloured ribbon to mark as Male or Female if necessary.

Why not consider asking your workplace, school or friends to join you?

We see up to 90 people a night, so the more socks filled the better.

For more information contact us on our FB page:

The Peoples' Picnic