



# Saint Mary's R.C. Primary School

## EYFS Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

### Challenge

Each week we set a challenge for your child. This is an opportunity for you to support your child in their learning and for you to find out about what we do in school. Please complete the challenge each week as the children feel left out if their friends have done it and they haven't! All challenges need to be in school no later than the Thursday.

#### FS1

Our Christmas tree has arrived but sadly it is looking very bare! We would like your child to make a decoration for our tree - be as creative as you like! We would also like you to support your child to learn the words to 'Rudolph the red nosed reindeer'.

#### FS2

Our Christmas tree has arrived but sadly it is looking very bare! We would like your child to make a decoration for our tree - be as creative as you like!

#### Topic- FS1

We have started learning some Christmas songs that we will be singing for you at our concert.  
We have been busy in phonics and in maths we have been counting, subitising and counting out from a larger set.

### Class Names

FS1 (Mrs Openshaw's class) are called the **Sparrows**  
FS2G (Mrs Gerrard's class) are called the **Wrens**  
FS2M (Mrs Morton's class) are called the **Robins**

### Newsletter Colours

Anything in black writing is applicable to both FS1 (Nursery) children and FS2 (Reception) children.

Anything in **red** is for **FS1 children/ parents**.

Anything in **blue** is for **FS2 children/ parents**.

### Times

**FS1 times are:** 8.45-8.55 am (for morning children and full timers) 11.45 am finish for morning children. Afternoon start is 12pm. All children finish at 3.00 pm. Please be on time at the beginning and end of the day. **FS2 times are:** 8.45-55am start and 3.00 pm finish. Please be on time at the beginning and end of the day.

### Topic- FS2

We have been learning facts about hedgehogs, listening to autumn stories and making hedgehog pictures using paint and a variety of resources such as forks, matchsticks and our hands! We have also been enjoying learning all our new songs ready for our Christmas Nativity.

**CHILDREN WHO LEARN AND KNOW RHYMES ARE BETTER COMMUNICATORS, READERS AND WRITERS, THAN THOSE WHO DON'T!**

## FS1 Weekly Vocabulary

Please try to use this vocabulary with your children.

**Topic Vocab:** Christmas, decorations, Rudolph, families

**Maths vocab:** count, subitising, 1:1 touch, patterns

**This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories**

Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

**Rhymes/poems and songs:** Rudolph the red nosed reindeer

**Stories:** Christmas stories

## FS2 Weekly Vocabulary

Please try to use this vocabulary with your children.

**Topic Vocab:** Autumn, hibernation, hedgehogs, brown, spikes

**Maths vocab:** making 6, counting, sequencing, order

**This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories**

Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

**Rhymes/Poems and songs:** God loves me, Gather together, Jesus love is very wonderful, Incy wincy spider

**Stories:** Don't hog the hedge, EYFS - playtime: donkey

### **Important dates for your diary...**

**Monday 4th December: Costumes**

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas dinner (The children can wear a Christmas jumper/elf outfit for a £1 donation)

Thursday 14th December 10am: FS2 Concert  
(please see separate letter regarding tickets)

Friday 15th December 10am: FS1 Concert (please see separate letter regarding tickets)

Monday 18th December: Magician and party - please pay on Scopay as soon as possible.

### Costumes

All costumes need to be in school by Monday 4th December, in a bag labelled with your child's name on. Please see your dojo message so you know what we are asking your child to wear.

### Christmas Fair

A huge Thank you for all your generous donations and support for our Christmas fair. We hope you all had a lovely time and that the children enjoyed meeting Father Christmas.

### Cold weather

Even in the cold weather the children access outdoor play. Please make sure they have a warm coat, hats, gloves and scarves and that all these are labelled. Thank you!

### Christmas donations

We kindly ask for donations of Christmas resources such as craft materials, silver tinsel and white snow effect material so we can decorate our unit/classrooms ready for the festive season

### Ticket money

Please remember to send in your ticket request slip in an envelope along with the money as soon as possible. Tickets are £1 each, a maximum of 3 per child.



