



Founded 1870 – Voluntary Aided

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Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER

Bury Sports Awards

We are very proud to announce that St Mary's were the winners of the School Commitment to PE & Sport Award at last week's Bury Sports Awards. St Mary's was shortlisted for the prize along with 4 other Bury School, including high schools. We now have the honour of representing Bury in the North West Sports Awards to be held in Manchester next week. Fingers crossed!

Uniform

Generally school uniform standards at St Mary's are very high and children look well presented. However, I have asked for the School Uniform Policy to be added to the policies available on our website so that parents can make sure they are fully aware of what is and isn't acceptable. Recent issues that have come to light include; jewellery, hairstyles, footwear and PE kit. I would appreciate it if you could take time to read the policy and make yourselves familiar with it. Many thanks.

Parking

We have recently been approached by residents of the village with regards to parking at school drop off and pick up times. We understand that spaces are limited but we would ask that you park considerately and safely. Furthermore, please do not park, pick up or drop off on the yellow zig zag lines outside school. Thank you.

Parent Governor Elections

As you will be aware, the Chair of Governors wrote to parents recently to invite them to consider standing for election as a Parent Governor of this school. I am pleased to say there have been two nominations and we will therefore now need to hold an election. The personal statements of the candidates, together with ballot papers and all other paperwork will be sent home to parents next week.

Carol Service

The Carol Service is to be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12th December. As in past years, 2 tickets per family will be issued. There is no cost for these tickets, they are issued simply to make sure that audience numbers do not exceed health and safety limits for the church building. However, family and friends are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal, which will be at 9.30am on the same day as the Carol Service, 12th December. This is instead of the dress rehearsal originally advertised for Friday 8th December.

School Photographs & Christmas Card Order

Please note, if you would like to order photographs, the order forms must be with Mrs Boardman no later than 9.00am tomorrow morning. However, the deadline for Christmas card orders has been extended until Friday 10th November.

Children in Need

This year we have signed up to take part in the Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need. The ramble will take place on Children in Need day, **Friday 17th November**, during the school day. Children are asked to bring a suitable coat and footwear on this day as well as a £2 entry fee. In addition to the ramble, the children themselves will be organising small fundraisers to take place during break-time such as How

Many Sweets in The Jar?, Name the Teddy etc. We would advise a total of £3.00 to be sufficient for children to take part in everything. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch day will be Wednesday 13th December. This is a lovely opportunity for all the children to sit down to celebrate together and to make the day more fun, children may come to school in their Christmas jumpers!

If your child usually has sandwiches but would like to have a Christmas dinner, please advise Mrs Boardman by **Friday 17th November**. The cost for Key Stage 2 children will be £2.30 per child, there will be no charge for Key Stage 1. There is a certain amount of flexibility with this meal. We will certainly be able to catering for the more select pallet. Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Boardman with any queries.

Kind regards,

Mrs Woodward
Head Teacher