



St Mary's Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2019



'In striving for academic excellence, you have also focused on creating an atmosphere that is described as 'giving a heart' to the school. This ensures that pupils not only achieve well in reading, writing and mathematics, but also that they learn to respect and understand each other.' Ofsted September 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Staff and children had their Dress Rehearsals yesterday for the Christmas Productions, which went very well. Thank you to all our families who are supporting the preparations for the Christmas shows with the costumes. The Christmas shows are next week –please keep your tickets safe and have them ready for next week's Christmas production.

Our F.O.S.M have been brilliant as they prepare for the Christmas Fair, today.

Thank you FOSM for your time and effort in organising the F.O.S.M Christmas Fair for all.

Enjoy a lovely weekend, *Miss Prayag and the St Mary's Staff Team*

Christmas Performance

Christmas productions will be performed twice for KS1 and KS2.

On the day Parents/carers MUST:

* Bring your tickets with you (**No ticket No entry**)

* If you have lost your ticket please contact the school office before your booked performance date.

* For HEALTH and SAFETY purposes all push chairs/prams MUST be kept in the courtyard

* Babies/toddlers will need to be kept on your lap

* You may take photos or film the show, however you must NOT publish these on social media for safeguarding purposes

KS1/Rec Performance

Everyone loves the Baby

Monday 9th December 2019 @ 2:15pm

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Tuesday 10th December 2019 @ 9:45am

KS2 Performance

Bethlehem Tue 10th Dec 2019 @ 2:15pm

Bethlehem Thurs 12th Dec 2019 @ 2:15pm



Christmas JUMPER DAY



Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

On Friday 13th December, the school will be taking part in 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Children may come along in their Christmas Jumpers to help raise money (please bring a £1 contribution) for Save the Children.

All money raised from Christmas Jumper Day will go towards vulnerable children, both in the UK and abroad. In the UK alone, over 3.5 million children are living in poverty, as their families cannot afford nutritious food, heating, household essentials like a cooker, or good quality childcare. We look forward to seeing you in your super Christmas jumpers!

Please show us your support by bringing a £1 contribution. Thank you



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27



Christmas at St Mary's, Upper Street, Islington, N1 2TX

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 15 December, 6pm

With hundreds of candles, the best-loved carols and our fabulous classical choir, it's the perfect way to hear the Christmas story through scripture readings and song.

Lunchtime carol service
Tuesday 17 December, 1-1.45pm

A short service of 40 minutes for shoppers, workers and locals alike. The perfect way to celebrate Christmas during the working week.

Big Family Carols with Christingle
Sunday 22 December, 11am

We'll be singing the best-loved carols and filling the church with little flames when we put together our famous do-it-yourself Christingle kits in the service.

Holy Communion on Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24 December, 11pm-12.10am

When the streets fall silent, the buses stop running and London is all still, join us to worship in the first communion of Christmas. Celebrate a saviour born to bring hope and peace.

Family Holy Communion on Christmas Day

Wednesday 25 December, 10.30-11.30am

For the whole family. We join together to celebrate what Christmas is really all about. You'll be home before noon - plenty of time to peel the vegetables or hunt down Islington's last jar of cranberry sauce.

Cards for Good Causes are on sale in the church
Monday-Saturday until 14 December, 10am-4pm

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Sunday 15 December, 6pm: Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 17 December, 1.05pm: Lunchtime Carols for Islington
Sunday 22 December, 11am: Big Family Carols with Christingle
Christmas Eve, 11pm: Midnight Communion
Christmas Day, 10.30am: Holy Communion

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Thousands of Christmas services and events are taking place in churches all over the country. Find your nearest and get involved at AChurchNearYou.com.



LITTLE ANGEL THEATRE'S

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Organised by local residents and Little Angel to fundraise for our free Community Programme.

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019
12:00PM - 4:00PM
LITTLE ANGEL STUDIOS, SEBBON STREET

Admission is completely **FREE**, so bring your entire family for crafts, music & games.

FREE Mince Pies & Mulled Wine on entrance.



FOSM Christmas Fair Get Together



This year's Friend's of St Mary's Christmas Fair will be held on **TODAY**

Friday 6th December 2019 3:30—5:00PM
Please come join us!



Up to Date Contact Information



Please ensure that the office has your up to date contact number and address. We also need to know if there are any changes of who can collect your child. Thank you



Diary Dates



Friday 6th December - Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10th December - Little Angel Theatre Puppet Club (last session-pupils only)
Thursday 12th December - 9:30am Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church
Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
Thursday 19th December - 2pm Last day of school
Tuesday 7th January 2020 - 8.55am Spring Term 1. Children back to school



Reception Class 2020



Apply now for Islington primary schools, if your child was born between:

1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016.

Apply by **15th January 2020** for the best chance of a reception place at your preferred school.

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