

St Mary's News



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Can You Help?

The Friends would like to auction a couple of items on Ebay: there are a some 'Skyfall' posters and a three legged folding stool, signed 'Daniel' by Daniel Craig (sadly, not signed 'Daniel Craig!'). Our Friends Association are looking for someone who knows their way around Ebay to sell these on their behalf.

If you can help, please let us know in the school office and we'll pass your details on to the Friends.

We're also looking for a couple of 4th Generation ipod Touches in good condition to use in the Foundation Stage. If you've got a new iphone and have no need of your ipod Touch, we'd love to give it a good home!

Netball Tournament

Our Year5/6 netballers came 3rd in the tournament at Regent's Park last week and only beaten 3-2 in the semi-final. It was a thrilling game: 2-2 at full time and still 2-2 after extra time. We were only beaten by a late 'Golden Point.'

Mr Carroll said that the children's attitude and sportsmanship was first class and he was very proud of them all.

Lloyd's Bank Community Fund

You may remember that we were making a bid to this fund in November. Our school came third in Westminster North. 6,360 votes were cast altogether and St Mary's re-



Foundation Stage Nativity Play on Friday

ceived 23.63% of this vote. The winning bid received 29.8% of the vote. This does mean that we have been awarded £300 from the Fund and we're very pleased for that. Thank you to everyone who voted for us.

Online Payments

Since last term, when a survey of parents showed that an overwhelming majority of our families would make use of an online payment system, we have been busy working to make this happen.

We have had a trial of a system called 'SchoolComms' and have now committed to buying this in for next year.

In order to install all of the software, we need to upgrade our school server, and this is in progress.

Hopefully, all of the hardware will be in place before the Christmas holiday. Ideally, we would like all of the software installed before the holiday too, so that we can

use the payment gateway at the start of the January Term, but I think this may be a little ambitious. However, everything is coming together and it should all be working soon.

What's On This Week

- **Monday:**
 - ◇ Year 6 to the Tower of London
- **Tuesday:**
 - ◇ Year 6 Gang Awareness Workshop
- **Wednesday:**
 - ◇ Year 5 Gang Awareness Workshop
- **Thursday:**
 - ◇ Foundation Stage Writers Workshop for parents
- **Friday:**
 - ◇ Year 3 to the library
 - ◇ Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Play

School Dates

- Friday, 6th December: KS1 Nativity Play.
- Thursday, 12th & Friday, 13th December: KS2 Play
- Wednesday, 18th December: Christmas Fair - 2.30
- Thursday, 19th December: Church Service in school - 9.30
- **Friday, 20th December: last day of Term 2**
- **WEDNESDAY, 8th January: first day of Term 3**

**Well done, St Mary's
Netballers!**



Peter Hadfield