

ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE School Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2014

Christmas Plays/ Services:

Monday 15th December : Foundation Stage Play 2pm

Tuesday 16th December: KS1 Play **2pm**Wednesday 17th December: KS2 Play **2pm**Thursday 18th December: Carol Service in church **9.15am**. Coffee and mince pies will be served for parents from 9.00 and after the service. Do please join us.

Photos of Nativity plays

I know you will all be keen to take pictures of your children dressed in their nativity outfits. For the safety of our children, and out of consideration for other families, please can we all agree to these guidelines:

- Please only take pictures of your own child
- Please do not put pictures of anyone else's children onto social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter without their permission. This is very important to safeguard the children in our school.
- Please do not block the view of any other parents by photographing your child
- Please wait for instructions from staff at the end of the play before coming to the front to take photographs

Thank you very much for your help with this. We will be taking a collection for the Ebola Crisis at the end of each play.

End of term: Friday 19th December **1.15pm**. Children should wear school uniform.

School restarts on **Tuesday 6th January** at 9.00.

St Mary's Church Carol Services

We would love to see you at Church over the Christmas period, particularly this Sunday, 14th December at 11.00, for the Christingle Service. Everyone welcome.



SIAMS Inspection

On Monday we will be welcoming Gill Walley to our school for a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection. The inspection looks at how effective the school is as a Church school, particularly in Religious Education and Collective Worship (assemblies and services). This happens every 5 years and our last inspection was in 2009. Because our current Ofsted judgement is Requires Improvement, the best outcome we can achieve this time is 'Good'. But everyone is working hard to show what a wonderful school St Mary's is.

Thank you very much to everyone who completed yet another questionnaire for us! There is still time to get these in by the end of the day today if you haven't had a chance. It means a lot to us.

Sport updates:

We have now finished our series of inter-school friendlies, this week playing hockey matches. Our Year 3/4 team came second out of the four schools, and our Year 5/6 team came first.

Well done to everyone who competed. We are very proud of you. I went to a match with Year 5/6 this week and was so impressed by the children's behaviour, attitude and perseverance. You are such a credit to our school.

Also congratulations to Noor (Y5) who has been selected to play for the Football Association's regional Year 5/6 team. Well done!

We are all looking forward to the fair this afternoon; I know it will be a very special occasion for us as a community. In school, we are continuing to prepare for Christmas during this season of Advent. This week we have particularly been thinking about Peace, and how we can bring peace to each other as Jesus did when he came into the world on the very first Christmas. I wish you all a very peaceful weekend.

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Emily Norman, Headteacher

With all best wishes,