

# St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term seems to be flying past. The Winter Fair seemed a long way off, when being discussed at our PTA meeting in September, but it is now just over a week away! The sign-up sheet is in the general area near the playground doors so please pop your name down if you can give a bit of time. We hope lots of you will come along to enjoy the fun and spend some money. We are already doing well with the sale of Christmas cards and calendars. As ever, these unique items are delightful and make for a special greeting or gift.

Lots of thank yous in this letter!

**Thank you** to everyone who supported our Roving Book Fair last Friday. The commission raised from the books sold is supporting our new library as we get free books in commission and we have used this to get more books by popular authors.

**Thank you** to the group of Year 6 children who did an excellent job of planning, organising and running a Children in Need bake sale last Friday. I was very impressed with their maturity and initiative as I returned from another meeting to find them clearing up sensibly in the cooking room (Lemon Room) and discussing when to sell the remaining cakes. They raised £200 – they all received a well-deserved headteacher's award for their efforts.

**Thank you** to Penny Farrar for planting out the flower beds next to the new entrance to the breakfast and after school club room. She wanted to mention that Yarnton Garden Centre had kindly given her 10% discount as she was buying plants for a school garden.

Here are a few further notices.

**Parent Consultations.** These are on Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 4 December from 3.30 – 6.30 so please try and come along to meet your child's teacher and look at work. The governors will not be around at these consultations but will be there at the March 2020 consultations to gather your views on aspects of school life.

**Carols by Candlelight.** We are having a family sing along carol and seasonal readings event on Wednesday 11 December from 6.00 – 7.00 in the large hall with refreshments provided by the PTA (thank you!).

**Non uniform day** is tomorrow, Friday 22 November. Children – if they choose – may come to school in non-uniform in exchange for contributing a jar for the jam jar tombola in Key Stage 1 or a tombola prize e.g. chocolates, bath stuff, at Key Stage 2.

**Girls' Football.** Our girls' football team had a decisive 10 - 0 win against St Joseph's Primary and then reached the semi-finals in a football tournament involving lots of schools over the last two weeks. Dominic Banham runs our football teams and he is so pleased with the girls' team spirit – he believes in the 3 A's: ability, attitude and attendance and his expectation is that every player shows all these in training and matches.

**Driving!** This is my eco notice. Please do not leave engines idling if you are parked on Bedford or the surrounding streets. It is not necessary; the fumes are wasteful and bad for the environment. I know some nearby residents are getting fed up! We hope you can take note and work with us on this.

We will soon be into our busy Christmas period with lots to enjoy but we try and keep the exciting events in proportion so that children do not become overloaded and unable to cope!

Best wishes,

Liz Burton