

St Mary's Community Primary School

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Last Monday, our Year 1 and 2 children were thrilled to receive a visit from a firefighter from Norfolk Fire Service. The children learned all about Fire Safety, including the difference between good fires and bad fires, what to do in the event of a fire and also learnt why an event like the Great Fire of London could not happen in modern times. A big thank you to Norfolk Fire Service for their help with our Emergency! topic.



On Thursday, 16 children from KS2 attended a WNDSSP Girls Football Tournament at Goals in Norwich. They showed incredible sportsmanship and behaved as wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to Emily (Year 5) and Jasmine (Year 4) for receiving the Respect Award.

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance: Again, we have received fantastic support for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Next Monday, we will be holding a special Remembrance Assembly for the children and, next week, the whole school will be working on a special permanent art installation to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Great War.

PE Kits: Just a reminder that children should have their PE kits in school at all times. We have had a number of children this week who have not had their kit here for their PE lesson. Please can children also have a sweatshirt and tracksuit trousers as part of their kit, as on occasion PE will still be outside.

Children In Need: Next Friday, we will be joining in with Children In Need. Please can children bring in £1 and wear their own clothes (the brighter the better)! We would also ask children to bring in as many 1p and 2p coins as we will be filling in a giant Pudsey, on the playground, with as many coppers as we can.

Open Morning: On the same day (next Friday), we will be holding an Open Morning. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to join us in the hall for refreshments at 9am, before having the chance to visit classes to take part in an activity. During Open Morning, the PTA will be selling Christmas Quizzes, recipe books and Christmas cards, so please bring some extra pennies along.

Christmas Decorations: Some of the decorations we have in school have seen slightly better days! If you are having a sort out of decorations, and replacing them, please think of us. Any decorations will be very gratefully received. We are also in desperate need of some new lights for our tree. Last year, we discovered that each set was broken. The tree is a fixture in the hall from 1st December and the children really enjoy seeing the decorations they have made on it. It will not be quite the same if it is unlit. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept second hand lights as they will not have been electrically PAT tested. However, if anyone works for, or knows of, a company that might be willing to donate some Christmas lights, please contact the office.

Teddy Tombola: The PTA will be running a teddy tombola at the Christmas Lights Switch On at Gressenhall on Sunday 2nd December. If you have any unwanted soft toys at home, please drop them in to the school office and we will pass them on to the PTA.



New IT equipment

Please don't forget to vote. We have now reached **1,554** votes, but you only have until 20th November to register and submit your votes.

Thank you for your continued support in all we do at school.

Kind regards

Mrs J Balado

Proud to belong

Letters sent home this week:

- Year 1 - Phonics Evening letter

STAR, DIAMOND AND ANGEL OF THE WEEK

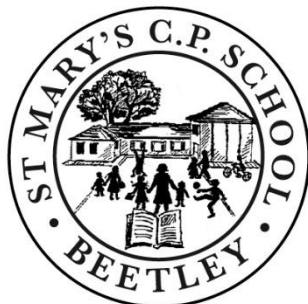
	STAR: Great progress 	DIAMOND: Great effort 	ANGEL: Excellent behaviour 	WRITER 
Year 1	Brogan	Kelsey	Izak	Freddie
Year 2	Logan	Trinity-Rose	Tilly	Callum
Year 3	Jacob	Jack	Elijah	Sienna
Year 4	Finley	Jake	Melissa	William
Year 5	Kyle	Chelsea	Elisha	Liam
Year 6	Alfie & Ruben	Willow	Connie	Tilly

Dates for your diary (new/amended items are in bold and italics)

Wednesday 14 November	Reception Phonics meeting 9am
Friday 16 November	Open Morning - join us in the hall from 9am and then visit your child's class
Friday 16 November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Monday 19 November	Year 6 to Hilltop
Monday 26 November	Scholastic Book Fair (details to follow)
Tuesday 27 November	Scholastic Book Fair (details to follow)
Wednesday 28 November	Year 6 performing at Norwich Cathedral
Friday 30 November	Decorations morning (details to follow)
Monday 3 December	Christmas post box out
Monday 3 December	Flu immunisations
Monday 3 December	KS2 Swimming Gala (details to follow)
Tuesday 4 December	Year 6 Height & Weight checks
Thursday 6 December	Buy a gift (details to follow)
Friday 7 December	Buy a gift (details to follow)
Monday 10 December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Tuesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Tuesday 11 December	Choir to Woodstock and Bilney Hall (details to follow)
Thursday 13 December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 13 December	Carol concert at Gressenhall Church 6.30pm (details to follow)
Friday 14 December	Christingle service (children only)
Friday 14 December	Bring it in day - Bring in cakes (KS1) / gifts (KS2) & wear your own clothes
Friday 14 December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 17 December	Party day
Tuesday 18 December	Last day of term

Wednesday 19 December - Wednesday 2 January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Thursday 3 January Back to school



The PTA and our school need your help!!!

You may have seen on Facebook that the PTA have signed up for the **Aviva Community Fund** in the hope of receiving £5,000 towards new IT equipment. Many of you will be aware that our current netbooks are not fit for purpose and we are in desperate need of updating them. We really hope that, with the PTA's help, this may be possible.

How it works:

All you need to do is ...

1. Google **Aviva Community Fund**.
2. Register your details (an email address is needed)
3. Verify your account via the email they send
4. In the *Search project titles or organisations* field type in **Beetley**
5. Click on **St. Mary's CP School - New IT Equipment**
6. Give us your 10 votes!!

Please, please get ALL your family and friends to register and give us their votes; grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings (13 plus), family friends. Every vote will count towards us standing a chance of receiving this funding and enable your children to enjoy and embrace their IT lessons.

