



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates

Christmas Concerts

EYFS/KSI

11th December 2019 at
9.30am and 6.00pm

KS2

17th December 2.00pm
18th December 7.00pm

Thurs 5th December
10.45am
Guitar/Keyboard
Assembly

Friday 6th December
Whole School
Pantomime Visit
Jack and the
Beanstalk

Thurs 19th December
Christmas Lunch

Miss Egan writes.....

How quickly time flies! This morning, our whole school assembly reflected on the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth and we prepared the manger for the new baby. This will remain on display with our school Christmas tree which arrived today. To help you celebrate Advent at home, each family has been given a 'Come to Bethlehem and See!' poster and booklet containing a devotion for each day for to share together as a family during Advent. The poster and the stickers will create a Bethlehem scene which grows as the story unfolds.

*'If you were going to see a king,
Where would you seek him out?
You'd look inside a castle
On a royal throne no doubt.
But no! The greatest king there's been,
Or evermore will be,
Was found inside a stable.
Come to Bethlehem and see!'*

During Advent, we are asking for support for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society 'Take a Minute' campaign. Envelopes will be sent home next week for you to show your support for this very worthy cause. Donations collected at our Christmas Concerts will also be sent to the Society who have been working to support the emotional health and well-being of children and young adults for 35 years.



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Last week, Year 4 got to go back in time to 879AD, to when the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings ruled England. Not only did we get to look at, use and explore a variety of different artefacts, with everything from weapons and armour, to jewellery and animal hides. We also learned a lot about life for the Anglo-Saxons, even putting some of our classmates on trial for crimes and deciding their punishments!



Erik
the
Viking
visits
St
Mary's





A few weeks ago we made an appeal for donations of special food and toiletry items to be used to make up Christmas hampers for the Waltham Forest Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunches. We were completely overwhelmed by the very generous respond of such special items and are pleased to report that we were able to make up 37 hampers in total! The children in Y2 and Y4 also made Christmas cards which will be given out at the lunches. We are very grateful to our families for supporting our local community in this way.





Following their wonderful assembly last week, Y2 are looking forward to consolidating all their work on the [Great Fire of London](#) with a visit from History of the Page on Monday. They will be taken back to 1666 and will start the morning by becoming apprentices on the streets of London, learning skills common for workers of the era. As the fire spreads and with the flames drawing closer, they must take action to stop it, including forming fire lines and tearing down local buildings. Then, in the afternoon they will excavate what is left of the charred city, looking for personal belongings and important legal documents that can help the city start the process of rebuilding. This session is always a firm favourite with our children and we look forward to seeing them dressed ready for action on Monday.

'CHANGE STARTS WITH US' Update

We have come to the end of the month when we have been focusing on bullying in its various forms and how we can keep ourselves and others safe. All the children have had opportunities to participate in whole school and class based activities covering a number of areas and we hope you have found the pieces of information we have sent home useful to support you and your children as you revisit this topic over time.



From the School Office.....

Today your children will have brought home their Christmas card proofs for you to make your orders. So that we can ensure that no one is disappointed, we need these back by [4th December](#) to ensure that you receive them in time. Any orders received after this date will not be processed.

Thank you for your understanding.