



# NEWSLETTER



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10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a VERY exciting week for the children! On Tuesday we had a visit from Santa Claus, on Thursday the whole school went to watch 'Sleeping Beauty' at the theatre and today was the PTA's 'Winter Wonderland' event.

A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to organise and run the event and gave the children an experience they will never forget! They made snowglobes, decorations, reindeer food and played Christmas games. They all finished the day with a hot chocolate and marshmallows. What a great way to end a wonderful week!

## **Christmas Lunch/ Sponsored Dance**

It is Christmas lunch on Tuesday (for the children who have requested one). Children who bring a packed lunch will of course, be also celebrating with us. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers ( or any other Christmas attire ) on Tuesday.

Our final charity event of the year also takes place on Tuesday. The children are taking part in a 'Reindeer Sponsored Dance' for Bury Hospice. Each child who participates will receive a small chocolate gift from the hospice for taking part. **Please ensure all sponsor money is brought into school on Tuesday.**

## **Christmas Parties**

A reminder it is the children's Christmas parties next week and they can wear their party clothes to school. The parties will take place on the following days:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Infants

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Juniors

## **Stars of the week**

There has been no REACH assembly this week due to the Winter Wonderland event.

## **Malcolm's Attendance Award**

Well done to Class 4, who have the best attendance this week!

We usually give out attendance prizes at the end of term to those children who have 100% attendance but as quite a few of our children have had to self-isolate or have been absent from school with Covid since September, we thought it wouldn't be fair to do this so have postponed it until next term.



## **Times Top 500**

You may remember in 2019 St Mary's was named in The Times 500 as 14<sup>th</sup> best school in the country due to the examination results for that particular year.

Last weekend, The Sunday times has again released its 2021 Parent Power - Best Schools League Table. The 29th edition of The Sunday Times guide to Britain's highest-achieving primary and secondary schools in the state and independent sectors.

The 2021 edition of Parent Power, The Sunday Times Schools Guide, contains new rankings for Britain's leading schools. This time they have not used 2020 examination outcomes due to the disruption caused by the pandemic, but with examination results and rankings going back to 2010 in many cases, this is the most comprehensive resource covering elite school performance in the UK.

We are delighted to inform you that we have **AGAIN** featured on the list and are named as being the 239<sup>th</sup> best school in the country!

What a great accolade for Haslingden and our school community!

## **Last day of term**

As you are may be aware, school usually closes early for the Christmas holidays at **2.00 pm** . We are going to slightly stagger finishing times to help with traffic congestion on the estate.

We ask that you collect the children at the following times:

Class 1: 1.45 pm

Class 2: 1.45 pm

Class 3: 2.00 pm

Class 4: 2.00 pm

Class 5: 2.00 pm

**Please note there will be no After School Care Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

Finally, as there will be no newsletter next week, I'd like to wish you a happy and holy Christmas. Both myself and the staff would like to thank you all, as always, for your co-operation and support. School reopens again on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Have a lovely holiday!

Yours sincerely

Miss D McNicoll



ST MARY'S PTA



# WINTER WONDERLAND



Including...

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- \* Drama and singing workshop
  - \* Non-uniform day (festive clothing and accessories are encouraged!)
  - \* Christmas crafts
  - \* Decorate a bun or biscuit
  - \* Enjoy a hot Chocolate
  - \* Make reindeer food



.... plus a special visitor and a gift for every child!

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SUGGESTED DONATION £7 PER CHILD.

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

