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### Attendance Update

For period 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Whole School Attendance: 96.0%**

Class with highest attendance: **Year 4 = 97.9%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year 1 = 93.9%**

### Parent View

Thank you to our parents who have already responded to St. Mary's 'Parent View' questionnaire hosted by Ofsted online. We now have responses from 33 of our families. If you haven't already completed this quick and easy 12 question online survey, please click [here](#). Your views are very important to us! Thank you also for your responses to our own Parental Satisfaction Surveys which were collected at parent-teacher consultation meetings. Thank you for the many positive and encouraging comments you gave. We know that logging on to the school website has been a little difficult for some parents and will be arranging parent tutorial session early in the Spring Term.

#### **Claire Mackness**

Parent Governor/  
Pupil Premium/Finance Group

I am currently a full-time mum which can be a demanding yet rewarding role and I have three children who attend the school. I have a Degree in fine art and I enjoy painting. I am also nurse trained and I have several years' experience as a support worker for adults and children with complex needs (for example autism) within residential and educational settings.

I joined the St. Mary's Governing Body in November 2015 so that I could become more involved in my children's education. I hope to see all the children at St. Mary's reach their full potential and I support the school in all their improvements, so that we can bring the best possible education to our children.



#### **Eileen Corcoran**

Foundation Governor/  
Safeguarding

I am a foundation governor with responsibility for safeguarding. I have worked with children and disadvantaged young people in different settings for more than 20 years and care passionately about valuing those in our charge. Since 2012 I have worked as a teaching assistant at St Marys and am delighted to be a part of a school family that celebrates every child and helps them reach their potential in a safe nurturing environment. I am an active member of our parish of St Mary's and help prepare our children for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Fairtrade, Peace and Justice are important at St Mary's and I help lead our action group who actively campaign on behalf of some of the world's poorest people. I want our children to leave St. Mary's School with wonderful memories of their primary years and prepared for their next step.



### **Bodmin Lights Up! Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 5 have worked very hard with professionals from the Bodmin Lights Up team making Angel Lanterns and learning songs. The pupils will be taking part in the parade, carrying their lanterns and singing 'Angel' and parading down through the town.

Please come along to see the fantastic completed angel lanterns the children have made on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.



## Website – Please visit our website at [www.st-marys-bod.eschools.co.uk](http://www.st-marys-bod.eschools.co.uk)

Class letters, Newsletters, the school Calendar, menus are all being updated regularly so please make it a favourite and visit our website to find out what you need to keep up to date! **Paper copies of each of these are available by request from the school office.**

### School Layby

Thank you for being so understanding about the closure of our layby at the end of each day. This is now a much safer area for our children to leave school. If you come by taxi, please pass on our thanks to your provider for their consideration also. Mrs McGovern

### Year 4 Haikus Poems

Year 4 have been writing Japanese Haiku poems. A Haiku poem has 5 syllables on the 1<sup>st</sup> line, 7 syllables on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line and 5 syllables on the 3<sup>rd</sup> line. A selection of children performed their Remembrance Day Haikus in assembly.

Here are two fantastic examples:

**Soldiers fought for us  
Beautiful red poppies grow  
We never forget**

by Carlton Williams



**On Remembrance Day  
We wear our poppies with pride  
To respect soldiers**

by Ronnie Dryden

### Home Learning Centre

As advertised at the Autumn Parent - Teacher consultation meetings, our brand new 'Home Learning Centre' is now open and ready for children and families to make use of at home to support and challenge their learning further. The centre is open to families from 3:15pm - 3:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like to visit!

### Pupil Premium

**Reminder:** If your circumstances change and you qualify for Income Support, JSA or Child Tax Credit, please ask in the office, **your child may be entitled to additional funds to support them in their learning and development.**

### Fundraising

#### **Children in Need**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November everyone came in wearing spots! Well done to KS2, who planned and organised games and stalls for everyone to enjoy - we raised £414.24! Thank you for all your support.



#### **Operation Christmas Child, Shoebox Appeal.**

The School Council would like to thank you for all your donations of goodies and money for our school shoe boxes ...with your generosity we managed to fill 21 boxes! Thank you.



### Dates for your diary

**Nursery Nativity:** Mon 5<sup>th</sup> & Tue 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.45am start

**KS1 Christmas Plays:** Tue 6<sup>th</sup> & Weds 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm start

**KS2 Christmas Plays:** Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 1.45pm & 6.30pm

**Last Day Autumn Term:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at **2pm**

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Spring Term starts:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Mass Dates:** In school at 2.40pm – all welcome!

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Advent Light, Year 6

*Please note: Mass every Sunday at St Mary's Church at 10.30am.*



### Kenning

Do you know what a kenning is? The Year 2 Literacy and Language group have been exploring poems containing kennings. Visit the Year 2 page of the website to watch some performances. Next we will be writing our own poems about animals using kennings.

### Headteacher's message to ALL children:

**Rosie Rescorle for taking such pride in her learning!**