

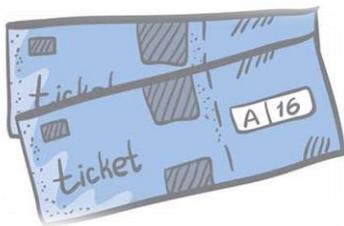
# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 23rd November 2018

## Reminder: Pantomime

Just a polite reminder that we need payments in now for the pantomime. We are meeting the cost of the transport at £440 to keep the cost as low as we possibly can. Over 80 children have not brought in their permission slips either. The deadline for payments is 3.12.18. Your support for this trip is very important.



## Reminder: Christmas Performance Tickets



We have sold about 30% of the tickets that we have kept to one side for families and we will continue to do so until they go on general sale on Wednesday.

## Pathway: Reminder

The pathway leading down from Coronation Crescent to the school entrance needs some attention as the tree roots are pushing it up. We have had a recent meeting with the Building Surveyor from the Diocese regarding this and we will need to remove the trees. In the meantime, please take additional care. Thank you

## Parking Complaints

We have had a number of local residents complain about parking again some of whom are elderly. They are keen not to make a fuss but they are getting increasingly anxious about the current situation. Please be mindful of where you park and keep off the entrance to driveways in particular. Thank you.



## Safeguarding: County Lines



There has been a great deal in the newspapers lately referring to 'County Lines' and I thought it may be helpful to explain what is happening as this is an issue that is impacting upon some children in south Telford. In the United Kingdom, the term **county lines** is a name referring to the practice of using children to traffic drugs into rural areas. In 2018, British police stated that they believed there were around 1500 drug trafficking routes of this sort in the United Kingdom. Traffickers recruit vulnerable children, including children in pupil referral units who have been excluded from school, as drug

dealers. Some young people are recruited via "debt bondage", whereby they enter county lines to payoff drug debts. Others enter county lines of their own volition, owing to boredom and a lack of legitimate opportunity in marginalized communities. Those looking for potential drug dealers look essentially for children who don't feel that they belong either at home, school or with a healthy friendship group. The practice is also known by those involved as "going country" or "out there". It is facilitated via dedicated mobile phone lines and apps.

Dates for your diary		
Date	School Events	Notes
2.12	Mass in Church 11am	All invited, Catholic and Non-Catholic parents and families
6.12.18	Year 6 Curriculum Celebration Assembly	We would like to invite the parents and families of our Year 6 children to an assembly in which the children will share what they have been learning about. It would be great to see as many of you as possible. More information will follow.
11.12	KS1 Christmas Performances 9am/2pm	More information to follow
13.12.18	Whole School Pantomime Trip - 9am	This year it is Cinderella. We have secured a morning booking this year so there won't be any waiting around for the children to arrive home in the rush hour and in the dark. This is a great event, enjoyed by all.
14.12.18	KS2 Christmas Performances 9am/2pm	More information to follow
20.12.18	Christmas Dinner	This is for the children only. The children are to dress-up in their Christmas jumpers please. Thank you.
21.12.18	Break-up for the Christmas Holiday	

**Special Awards : 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

Huge Congratulations to...		
CERTIFICATE RECEIVER	NAME	REASON
Reception STUDENT OF THE WEEK	Demi Stevens	Demi has worked brilliantly in all of her learning this week. What a superstar Demi!
Class 1 STUDENT OF THE WEEK	Harry Markus	For being brave enough to speak in our Class 1 assembly. Well done Harry!
Class 2 STUDENT OF THE WEEK	Summer Robb	Well done for working really hard to tell multiplication stories.
Class 3 STUDENT OF THE WEEK	Izabella Thomas	For a positive attitude and an improvement in her resilience in her learning.
Class 4 STUDENT OF THE WEEK	Isabelle White	Isabelle is an absolute delight to have in the class. She is extremely resourceful and finds quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties.
Class 5 STUDENT OF THE WEEK	Augustine Quinn	For a fantastic attitude in lessons, he is putting his hand up more and 'loving his learning'. Keep up the hard work!
Class 6 STUDENT OF THE WEEK	Kara Davies	A fantastic improvement in every area. Kara is a lovely girl to have in class, she has become a kind and helpful ambassador and is really trying hard in all her work.