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| St. Mary’s Primary and Pre-school Newsletter | 2nd November 2021 |
| Welcome back to school  Welcome back to school after the half term holiday. We hope that you have had a restful and peaceful time. This is a 7 week term and we break up for Christmas on Friday, the 17th December at 3.15pm. Please see diary dates later in this newsletter for what is happening over the next few weeks.  OPEN DAY  It is our annual Open Day, this Friday, 5th November for any new families that would like to come and have a look at our school. We are kindly asking that families ring up to make an appointment and we will show them around. Please do let interested families know.    **ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOP**  As part of ‘Anti-Bullying’ week, the children will be taking part in a workshop called ‘One Kind Word’ with One Day Creative drama company on Wednesday, 10th of November. We would also like the children to come to school on this day wearing odd socks if possible. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to have fun, be ourselves, and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week. | Assemblies  We would like to invite parents and friends of the following classes into school to share our Celebration Assemblies on the following dates;  November 26th, years 4/5/6  December 3rd, years 1/2/3  December 10th, Pre-school and Reception  Please can we ask that you only attend the assemblies in which your child is taking part in for now. We are desperate to keep everyone in school for as long as we can so if we take small, measured steps, this may hopefully reduce the chances of Covid transmissions.  **CHILDREN IN NEED**  Mia, our Charity Ambassador in year 6 will be organising some activities for ‘Children in Need’ on Friday, 19th November. She has asked that they come to school in yellow, spotty, onesie type clothes on this day if possible (or something similar!) We will have a bake sale during the morning and would greatly appreciate donations of cakes to sell. |
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| DATEs for your DIary  Open Day – 5th November  Gymnastics comp, yrs. 5/6 – 9th November  Anti-bullying Workshop / Odd Sock Day – 10th November  Children in Need – 19th November  St. Mary’s Earth Shot – week beginning 22nd November  Years 4/5/6 assembly – November 26th  Synagogue Trip - Dec 2nd  Years 1/2/3 assembly – Dec 3rd  Christmas Fair / Santa Dash - Dec 5th  Piano Recital, 2.30pm – Dec 7th  Full governors meeting, 7pm - Dec 8th  Pre-school / reception assembly – Dec 10th  Pantomime at Lytham – 14th Dec  Nativity in school, 10am, 2pm, 6pm – Dec 15th  Christmas Dinner and Party – Dec 17th    and relax ………………………. | REMEMBRANCE sunday  Mia will be selling British Royal Legion items (rulers, pencils etc.) around school over the next two weeks in preparation for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. The recommended sale price per item is 50p each if the children would like to buy some items.  If the children would like to parade on Remembrance Sunday, please could they meet in their school uniform at the entrance to school with parents ready for the parade. Unfortunately, all the staff have commitments elsewhere this year so are unable to walk with the children. However, parents are very welcome to walk behind or alongside them if they would like to take part.  **FUN FRIDAY**  Starting from this week, all our children in school will be taking part in Fun Friday afternoon activities. This half term, years 2 and 3 will be swimming every Friday, whilst all the other children will get an opportunity to bake with Mrs. Readman, take part in Forest Skills with Miss Doherty, STEM challenge activities with Miss Taylor or painting with Miss Burns on a rolling programme. This is to reward all our children for their hard work during the week.  **EVENTS**  As you can see from the ‘Dates for your Diary’ there is a lot happening between now and Christmas. As we approach each event, we will contact you with more details but for now, just keep a note of what is coming up. If all goes to plan, we hope to have you all in school to watch our Nativity in the school hall but we will spread it over three performances to keep numbers down on the hall. |