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| St. Mary’s Primary and Pre-school Newsletter (4)**INTERNATIONAL AID CHRISTMAS BOXES**We welcomed Julie from International Aid into school this morning to talk to the children about the Christmas Appeal Boxes and how they get sent out to places such as the Ukraine and Sierra Leone.Julie talked about the things that we could possibly put into a box and talked about things like toys, pencils, teddies, socks, toiletries, gloves, hats etc. . She told us that if we wanted to join in, to decorate a shoe box with wrapping paper, put an elastic band around and not to seal it so that they can check what is inside for safety reasons. If your family would like to take part and send a box in, please can you send in the week beginning the 20th of November. Brabin’s are also taking part so they will all be picked up at the same time. **PTFA COFFEE MORNING** Thankyou for all your support at Chipping Village last Saturday where an amazing £433.18 was raised for school funds. Thankyou especially to our superb parents and grandparents who organised and ran it. You are amazing! **HEALTHY LUNCH**Miss Doherty’s class, yrs. 4/5/6 will be making lunch on Friday for all to enjoy. They are going to make a chicken and chorizo paella followed by fruit salad. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like this instead, please let us know before Thursday when they will go shopping.    | 16th October 2023 |
|  SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENTWe come together as Saint Mary’s family, to learn, share our faith and do our best, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.**PARENTS MEETING**Our parents meeting is on this afternoon from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to share all the wonderful work that your child/ren is doing and to have an opportunity to ask any questions aboutschool and learning. We look forward to seeing parents who have booked their time slot. Cartoon children reading books  Description automatically generated  |   |
| Whats Happening? | 16th October 2023 |

Fancy Dress Party – Friday, 20th October

The PTFA, Friend’s of St. Mary’s are running the fancy dress party for all children from Reception up to Year 6 in the school hall this Friday. The times have changed and it will be run straight after school from 3.30pm and will finish at 5.30pm. There will be a hotdog or sandwich and a drink for the children. There will also be activities and games. Tickets are being sold via Catherine Harrison. Parents may come and pick their children up at 5.30pm as the PTFA will be running it and looking after the children. Thankyou to them for their support.

Dates for your diary……

Parent’s evening to discuss settling in and progress – 16th October, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Miss Rawlinson’s class assembly – Fri 20th October at 2.45pm

Scholastic Book Fair in School – 11th Oct – 17th Oct.

Healthy lunch planned, bought and prepared by years 4/5/6 – Fri 20th Oct (all invited to join)

Break up for the half term holidays – 20th Oct

Fancy Dress Party for the children in the school hall – 20th October, 3.30mp – 5.30pm

Winmarleigh – 1st Nov – 3rd Nov

PTFA meeting in school – 6pm – 8pm

Yrs. 1/2/3 - Museum of Lancashire for WW2 event – 10th November

Remembrance Sunday - 12th November

Children in Need Day (PJ day) – Friday, 17th November

Christmas Plans

Nativity play in school (all children involved) – Wed 13th Dec at 1.30pm and 6pm

Pantomime at Blackpool (Beauty and the Beast) – Thursday 14th Dec at 10.30am (leaving school at 9am)

Christmas Party in school – Friday 15th Dec (non-uniform)

Christmas Dinner – Tuesday, 19th December

Carol Service in the school hall – Wed 20th Dec at 1.30pm before breaking up for the Christmas holidays at the end of the carol service (usually about 2.15pm)