

Newsletter

13th December 2019



From Mrs Caygill-Boothroyd

Our Christmas celebrations and cheer have officially started this week with not one, but two wonderful nativity performances.

Reception kicked off the festive season! We were amazed by their singing and blown away by their telling of the Christmas story. Looking around the hall, a sea of smiles reflected the joy and wonder the children gave to everyone who came to watch. Today, we were fortunate enough to enjoy the year 1 performance. They sang from the heart with beaming smiles on their faces, helping us all remember that we have much to be thankful for. Thank you and well done to all the staff involved in making both performances such a success.

Throughout the week all our children have been involved in making decorations for our entry in the Christmas tree festival. Whilst creating our decorations, we have been thinking about gifts – joy, hope and peace and how we can share these with others. Some classes have refocussed on the idea of belonging; creating shells and portraits to reflect their identity and how they belong to Manston St James. We can't wait to see the final design. The big switch on is on Sunday, so make sure you pop along to church and get voting for your favourite tree!

We are continuing to collect for The Children's Society and St George's Crypt and all contributions are welcomed and would be very much appreciated. We need to fill our reverse advent calendars!

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to the final countdown to Christmas next week.

Attendance

Well done to the following 3 classes with the best attendance for week 09.12.19—13.12.19

6CO—97.6%	6S—91.1%	5G—92.1%
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This week



Year 4 have been making a start on building mountains—look out for the finished items next week.



This Week



Last Friday was our PTFA Christmas Fair. The fair was opened by Father Christmas himself and we even had snow! Thank you to everyone that supported this event.



Year 6 have been on their residential to Robinwood Activity Centre this week.



This Week



Our school football had their 1st match this week against St Theresa's RC primary school. Manston St James won 2-0, well done everyone!



Year 5 have been visiting The Bagshaw Museum to get some hands on experience as part of their Egypthon Topic.



Reception 2020

Do you have a child starting school in September 2020?

The deadline for reception 2020 applications is 15th January 2020.



Manston St James has a final open morning on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

You are welcome to visit between 9.30am and 11am for a tour of the school and to meet with senior leadership. Please call the school office 0113 859 2073 or email info@manstonstjames.co.uk to book .

To help with the process, Leeds Education have arranged the following drop-in sessions at the City Centre Community Hub, Merrion House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 8LX to help with the application process and answer questions, alternatively families can contact the Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414.

Tuesday 17 th December 2019	2:00pm to 3:30pm
Friday 10 th January 2020	9:30am to 11:30am
Tuesday 14 th January 2020	1:30pm to 3:30pm

The 2nd St James', Manston Christmas tree festival

Our church will be open to all to view St James' Christmas tree festival on:

- Sunday 15th December – 4pm - Grand switch on!
- Wednesday 18th December 3pm – 5pm
- Thursday 19th December 3pm – 5pm
- Friday 20th December 3pm – 5pm (NB overlaps with junior choir practice)

Visitors can:

- view the trees
- pay £1 for 3 counters to vote for their favourite tree/charity
- Match the trees to the organisations'/charities - Enter the competition for £1



Refreshments will be served while the church is open.
Please come along!!



CHRISTMAS @ ST JAMES' CHURCH.

A heads-up from St James' Church to say that once the school gates are closed there are still plenty of Christmas events going on to which you are all invited.

Don't miss our traditional Community Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 22nd December at which children from both our School and our Church choirs will be singing.

On Christmas Eve there will be our ever popular Crib Services at 4pm and 5pm, and our 11.30pm Midnight Mass. On Christmas morning our Family Eucharist with Carols begins at 9.30am, and on Sunday 29th December at 10am another opportunity to attend a Christingle Service and all get the chance to make and light your Christingles.

If you are attending the Christingle service please bring with you an orange – the rest is provided!

Find more information on the Christmas Cards which should arrive home via your child next week.

You are all welcome to come along to any of the 'festivities' – we would love to see you!

Reverend Carolyn

Notices

Paperless Communications - If a letter requires a reply then we will send a paper copy home, however any other letters will be sent via Parentpay. Please make sure your Parentpay accounts have the correct telephone numbers and email addresses. **We no longer send paper copies of the newsletter home. A copy is available for you to read at the school office and it is also available in the noticeboard in the KS1 playground.**

Christmas Service —our Christmas service will be at 2pm on Thursday 19th December in Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday 20th December - we be having our Christmas lunch and class parties on Friday 20th December. Children are invited to wear their party clothes &/or Christmas jumpers on this day. Please ensure that clothes are sensible and that they have a warm coat as we will be having normal break times outside.

Christmas Fair Raffle —the following numbers have not been claimed; 607, 395, 358, 513. Please visit the school office if you are a winner.

PTFA

Thank you all who took time last Friday afternoon to visit the school fair and help raise funds for future exciting projects that support and enhance learning opportunities across the school. Also to the volunteers who spent their free time helping throughout the day, it really is much appreciated. We all agreed the choir sang wonderfully and the year 6 pianist received many wonderful comments, a true talent! So lovely to see the year 6 children joining in the organising too.

A few highlights

- * 24 Parents supported through the day in; setting up the church hall, school hall, large playground, ticketing tombola's, to staffing stalls and cleaning everything up
- * £1400 was spent within 1 hour; a fantastic amount especially when you take into account most games and tombola tickets are 20p, allowing all to access our activities
- * We had over £300 of equipment donated to us from local small business. These include: Home CCTV Services, Asda Community, Slips X-gates and Climaserve.co.uk

Parents have fed back some **lovely comments** which I wanted to share with you;

'It was wonderful!! Thank you all for your hard work'

'Thank you so much, the children had a great time'

'Thank you so much for organising and everyone who gave up their time to make it special for the kids'

'Amazing job with the fair. I thought it looked and ran fantastically'

'The atmosphere was a lot calmer'

Now let the planning commence for the Summer Fair!



Safety

We take safety very seriously at our school. If you have any concerns or observations regarding health and safety please contact: **Mrs Dunn or Mrs Cockerham.**

If you have any concerns or questions regarding Child Protection issues contact: **Mrs Spofforth or Mrs Blackmore**

Christian Value—Compassion

In our school we show compassion by:

- Being kind to each other
- Showing that we care
- Doing something nice for our friends
- Noticing when someone needs help
- Putting ourselves in someone else's shoes
- Trying to understand how others might be feeling



Key Dates for the Academic Year

Week Commencing	Autumn Term Dates
16th Dec	Tues 17th Whole School Flu Immunisations Tues 17th Year 2 Nativity 9.45am (school hall) Tues 17th Years 3 and 4 Nativity 6pm in Church Wed 18th Years 5 and 6 carol singing in the playground 3.30pm Thurs 19th Christmas Service in Church 2pm Fri 20th Christmas Lunch & Class Parties (party clothes &/or Christmas jumpers) Fri 20th Break up 3.30pm for Christmas Holidays (2 weeks)

Week Commencing	Spring Term Dates
6th Jan	Mon 6th School re-opens Tues 7th Open Morning for 2020 reception parents Thurs 9th Epiphany Service in Church 9am ALL WELCOME
13th Jan	Mon 13th Y6 SATS meeting for parents 3.40pm Tues 14th Y2 SATS meeting for parents 3.40pm Fri 17th Y1 Phonics Screen Check meeting for parents 3.40pm
20th Jan	