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## St Mary's Catholic Primary Newsletter

### 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### St Mary's Church Event



#### School Closure

If we are forced to close the school due to adverse weather conditions, we will send a Parentmail and inform Telford and Wrekin's school closure site. If an email is not received and there is no record of us being closed, please send your child in to school as usual.

<https://schoolclosures.telford.gov.uk/>

#### Christmas Break



Just a reminder that we break-up on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and the children return on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Tuesday Lunch

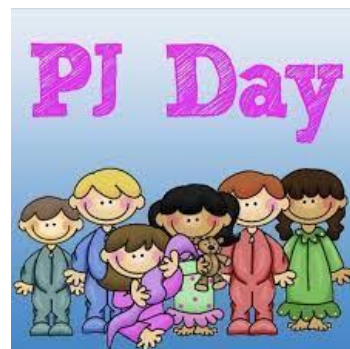
There will be no Big Breakfast on Tuesday unfortunately as there is an issue with the supplier. To replace it we will be serving sausages, chips and beans or peas.

### Christmas Lunch

The children will be having their Christmas lunch here on Wednesday. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or something they love to wear.

### Pyjama Day

We are inviting children to wear their pyjamas on Thursday for a £1.00 donation to our Mini-Vinnies charity who are helping families in need this Christmas.



### Donations

Thank you so very much for your donations of clothes, household items and vouchers!! We have received a great deal that we have been able to distribute to many of our children. We have been blown away by your generosity and now find ourselves with more than we initially needed. To support all families, we will host an event where we will display all the items that we have not given out. This will include some uniform items also. You will be more than welcome to take what you like.

### Reading Help



***Do you know someone who would like to learn to read or improve their reading skills?***

***We might be able to help.***

Read Easy UK is a registered charity set up in 2011 that supports volunteers to set up local groups to help their communities. There are currently over 70 affiliated groups in the UK.

The Telford and Wrekin group affiliated with Read Easy UK in October 2019 and there is a great team of enthusiastic volunteers on board. We provide ***free, confidential, one to one reading coaching*** to those who are ***18 years old or over*** and would like to improve their reading skills.

We know that **approximately 16,000\*** people in Telford and Wrekin struggle with everyday reading - prescriptions, bills, bus timetables, recipes etc..... and we're passionate about changing that.

\*The national average figure for those who have poor literacy is 16.4%, but in the West Midlands it is 22.3% (Pro Bono Economics).

### What do I need to do?

Contact either the group's **Coordinator**, Melanie, by phone on 07854 556860 or email using [tewrcoordinator@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:tewrcoordinator@readeasy.org.uk) or the group's **Team Leader**, Claire, by phone on 07941 515220 or email using [tewrleader@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:tewrleader@readeasy.org.uk)

**For more information please get in touch, we look forward to speaking with you soon.**

Visit us online – [www.readeasy.org.uk](http://www.readeasy.org.uk)

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### Reminder of deadline to apply for reception places

If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they are due to start primary school in September 2023.

You can apply for a reception class place until 15 January 2023.

You will need to apply to the Local Authority in which you live, but you can apply to schools outside of your Local Authority area should you wish.

For more information and to apply, please visit Telford & Wrekin Council's School Admissions website:

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school\\_admissions/3247/applying\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place](https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/3247/applying_for_a_school_place)

If you have questions, please email the Council's Admissions Team on [Admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:Admissions@telford.gov.uk). “

## Virtual Christmas Singalong

As part of The Music Partnership, Telford schools are invited to The Virtual Christmas Singalong, which will be supported and led by Cathy Lamb and her Musicshare Band, with special guest performers to help create a festive last day of term for many of us. Over 60 schools throughout Stoke, Staffordshire and Telford have already signed up to be involved and we have signed-up too. Should be amazing.



## Menu

Our school's menu can be viewed here:

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st\\_marys\\_primary\\_school\\_menu](https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st_marys_primary_school_menu)



Christmas Crafts Week

14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day

15<sup>th</sup> Pyjama and Christmas Film Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something they love.

**We are asking that children pay £1.00 to join-in.**

**The SVP's Gift of Kindness Appeal. All monies raised go towards the SVP**

16<sup>th</sup> December Break-up

**Cost of Living Support Fund** to help people who are struggling in these challenging times.  
Every £1 given to the appeal will be matched with another £1.

Singalong

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Children return to school