



### FOR YOUR DIARY

10<sup>th</sup> January – Clubs start this week.

Every Friday up till 18/2 – Jenkins Forest School.

20<sup>th</sup> January Parent Forum

21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February – Half term Break

28<sup>th</sup> February – all return to school.

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honour of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man. — St John Chrysostom

### House Points

RED	BLUE	GREEN	YELLOW
141	103	138	103

Well done to RED house for being this week's winners.

### Head Teacher Message

Happy New year!

Often at this time of year, we reflect on new starts and new year resolutions. These are so often focused around improving ourselves – which can be motivational and beneficial. To kick-start 2022, Harriet, our Red house captain reminded the whole school today in Celebration worship that “You are all amazing, and you have the chance to show this off.” This is so true. Each and every child in St Mary's is amazing! I am looking forward to all the fantastic things we will achieve together in 2022 as each child shows off how amazing they are. Across the week in our Collective worships, we have reflected on Epiphany, the gifts the wise men brought and the gifts that we ourselves can share with others.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter inviting you as parents and carers to join our Parent Forum meetings across the term. Please do read it and get involved if you are able too.

**Mr Morrissey**

### Covid UPDATE

#### Changes to Testing

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

#### Changes to isolation periods

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

### Uniform Reminder

Please can you ensure all children are coming to school wearing the proper school uniform – grey trousers, shorts or skirts. In the colder weather, leggings can be worn under skirts and trousers (but not by themselves please). Coats should also be in school daily as the weather is wet and cold.