



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 19th December 2016

## Special "Thank you and Goodbye"s

At the end of this term, **Mrs Arnold** will be retiring from her role as Teaching Assistant. She will be continuing with lunchtime and Afterschool Club, so you will still see her in school!

**Mr Riordan** is also retiring from his post as Site Manager after 23 years. You will continue to see him around the school for a while until he moves house, but I know you will all want to say a big thank you to him, and to Mrs Arnold, for all they have contributed to St Mary's School. There will be an opportunity after tomorrow's KS2 Christmas Play to do so, so please join us then.



We are sorry not to have given you more notice, but retirement is a complicated matter and we didn't want to announce the news without everything being fully confirmed. We know you will want to say your own personal "thank you"s, as we all will, over the next couple of days.

## TERM DATES

School finishes at 1.15 on **Wednesday 21st December** (non-uniform day, Christmas jumpers/ outfits very welcome!), with assembly for 100% attendance.



We won't authorise any additional holiday except in EXCEPTIONAL circumstances, so please make sure your holidays match with Father Christmas!

Term begins on **Wednesday 4th January** at 9.00.

Term dates for the rest of this year, and for 2017-18 are all online: [stmarys.bryanston.net/?page\\_id=1118](http://stmarys.bryanston.net/?page_id=1118)  
Please take the time to study them so that you know when you can book your holidays.

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the parents and 'Friends' who have helped us raise an enormous £9,000 towards our school library project, almost matching the generous gift from British Land. Mr Knight is already busy ordering our new-look library books and furniture. We are all so excited to see how it will look.



## No Coffee Morning on Wednesday

All welcome again next term ☺

## Carol Service 2016

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Carol Service this year, sharing this special time with us. We are working on a video of the service which will go on our website. Until then, here are some pictures.



In this final week, our focus is how giving gifts shows LOVE to others at Christmas.

However, I know we are all also conscious of children around the world for whom the only gift they want is safety. Please continue to support us as we raise money for children in Aleppo, Syria through Save the Children UK.



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Have a truly wonderful Christmas and New Year,  
**Emily Norman, Headteacher**