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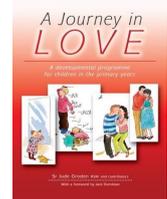
## Dates for diary:

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- Friday 27th November-** Autumn Progress Reports
- November 29th-** Advent Begins
- Monday 30th November-** Phonics Screening Year 2
- Monday 30th November/ Tuesday 1st December** Teams Parent Appointments. Not compulsory. See Weduc message.
- Tuesday 15th December** Christmas Party Day ( in bubbles)
- Wednesday 16th December-** Christmas Jumper/ Christmas Lunch Day (in bubbles)
- Thursday 17th December-** Festive Film Night. Pick up 5pm ( in bubbles)
- Friday 18th December-** Break Up for Christmas Holidays

Please also see holiday dates on our school website and the Weduc calendar.

## Relationship and Sex Education



From September 2020, guidance from the Department for Education for Relationships and Sex Education (RSA) AND Health Education became mandatory for all schools, including Catholic Schools. The initiative has been welcomed by the Catholic Education Service (CES) who state clearly that, Catholic schools are also required to deliver RSE in accordance with the teaching of the Church. St Mary's have decided to use, as recommended by the Diocese a developmental programme for children in their primary Years- from EYFS to Year 6, called "A Journey in Love"

Further details and an opportunity for parents- particularly Year 6 to ask any questions they may have will be organised with both myself, Mrs Porter and Mrs Curran our Chair of Governors. This is likely to take place after Christmas but information will be shared prior to this via Weduc.

Thank you  
Mrs Box

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

- \* Robins- William
- \* Larks- Edward
- \* Swifts- Olivia S
- \* Owls- Charlie



The total amount raised for Children in Need was **£172.20**. Thank you so much everybody- that is wonderful.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to Miles (7) Melody(6) and Amy (11) who celebrate their birthdays next week. Have a great day!

Be sure to have a look on the website for a selection of some of the pictures we have taken this week, as well as the ones we have had sent in from our families. It has been such a lovely week- raising awareness, celebrating difference and more importantly who we are. Awareness days like today, or odd socks day are so important because whilst the children have lots of fun they also experience the feeling of coming to school different, that it is okay, and also how we accept one another. There has been some lovely conversations with the children and staff... and lots of smiles and giggles too. Just what we all needed this week I think, it has certainly filled my bucket!

Thank you everybody for taking part.  
**United Against Bullying'**