

Friday 1st December 2023 - AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a few frosty starts to our days this week- some brighter and breezier than others! Please help us in keeping the children warm by sending them to school in warm school uniform coats, hats and gloves.

The wonderful Christmas carols are now being heard each day, the Advent wreaths are on display and the Christmas tree is in place. What more can be asked for on the 1st day of December? The dates and times of our celebrations are all on the date list and we are looking forward to welcoming families to the performances. However, we are not able to accommodate individual siblings from either school watching performances unless it is out of school time.

We were hoping to arrange another grandparents coffee morning before Christmas but the calendar is now quite full, we will plan one for the New Year.

We are all excited looking forward to the Christmas Fayre to be held at the junior school next week. We still need helpers to make it successful. Please contact the PTA committee to give just one hour of your time for St. Mary's Community.

Happy Advent season to you all.

Catholic News Round up

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer, It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas. The coming weeks will be filled with Advent Liturgies, Nativities, Carol Services and other special school events. In this week's gospel, Mark 13:33-37, we are reminded of the need to 'stay awake' as we do not know when the Lord will come. A little extra daily prayer throughout Advent is a great way to do this. Prayer brings us not only closer to God but also closer to one another.



Travelling Cribs.

An Advent tradition at St Mary's is for each child to take it in turns to bring home a Travelling Crib from their classroom. This is a bag containing a nativity set and other items, which children can use to share a prayer time with their family. There is a notebook too, and we invite families to write a prayer, which can be shared, by the next family to have the crib. We invite you to write a prayer in your home language and/or in English.

This helps children to wait in hope for their turn - just like the world, Mary waited in joyful hope for Jesus. Please put the Travelling Crib in a place where it will be seen when you leave for school the next morning so that it is here ready for the next child.

Please be aware that the bags from the Junior School do contain small pieces and should be kept away from small children and pets.

Reverse Advent Calendar

The Reverse Advent Calendars are ready in both schools now. At home, many of us open an Advent calendar window each day. Some of us take something OUT - perhaps chocolate? In school, we invite you to help us put something IN to the calendar. You will have received a separate letter about this, but this can include food items, toiletries or Christmas treats for the Food Bank organised by our community at St Philomena's School.

We thank you for your generosity.

Table Talks - What is the nicest thing you could do for your friend?

News for the week

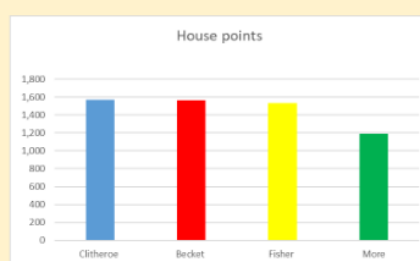


Star of the Week!

Reception Star of the Week will begin soon!

RH	Poppy P-B	1R	Finn
RF	Hope	1S	Matthew
RF	Florence	1W	Ciaran
RS	Albie	2H	Roisin
		2J	Nikodem
		2W	Fallon

This weeks house points ...



- In 4th place with 1,190 house points is More
- In 3rd place with 1,532 house points is Fisher
- In 2nd place with 1,565 house points is Becket
- And in 1st place with 1,571 house points is Clitheroe

Infant School Request

If you have any Spare underwear (socks, pants, knickers, etc. for boys and girls), please bring them to the Infant School Office. Thank you



Star Writer

3H	Edgar & Milo	5B	Sophie & Sebastian
3M	Jacob & Jordan	5E	Olivia & Sophia
3W	Matilda & Eleanor	5S	Beatrix & Miriyam
4A	Nicole & Maria	6C	Jennah & Francesco
4P	Bodhi & Ashton	6CB	Hannah & Zac
4R	Oliver & Ivy	6O	Martinis & Jude



Netball

On Monday evening, the A and B team played Barrow Hedges in our netball league. The team played brilliantly, demonstrating really Good understanding of game play. Both teams managed to secure the win. A big well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all the families who came along to support!



Year 5/6 Athletics

On Wednesday morning, representatives from Year 5 and 6 took part in a number of athletics events at Wallington Girls School. Some of the events included throwing, jumping, obstacle relays and a several other running events. There was lots of talent on display at the event and the children managed to come away with the win! We are so proud of everyone who took part. A big thank you to the parent helpers who come along with us. We are looking forward to more athletics events in the future!

Year 3/4 Athletics

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 3 and 4 had a tough act to follow from the Year 5/6 team. The children took part in some new activities and really embraced the challenge of the afternoon. The team were incredibly encouraging of one another and managed to secure our second win of the day! Thank you very much to our afternoon parent volunteers and of course, we are incredibly proud of all our pupils!



Rock climbing

On Friday, a group of pupils from Year 4 went to Carshalton Boys School to take part in an indoor rock-climbing event. The pupils took part in a number of different activities and really worked on their team building skills. The event was a great success, with the pupils showing determination and great enthusiasm. Well done to all the pupils who took part!

As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with expectations; unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

	Yearly Total to Date %
Infant School	96.3%
Junior School	96.5%

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (late) %	Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (late) %
Froglet N	93.7%	0.65%	3 Mulberry	98.0%	0.27%
R Fox	95.9%	0.20%	3 Willow	97.7%	0.05%
R Hedgehog	96.9%	0.77%	3 Hawthorn	96.5%	0.50%
R Squirrel	95.9%	0.84%	4 Poplar	96.5%	0.38%
1 Robin	96.8%	0.87%	4 Ash	97.5%	0.54%
1 Wren	96.4%	0.21%	4 Rowan	96.4%	0.17%
1 Sparrow	96.1%	0.37%	5 Elm	92.1%	0.83%
2 Jay	97.4%	0.14%	5 Birch	97.1%	0.31%
2 Woodpecker	96.6%	0.20%	5 Sycamore	96.6%	0.34%
2 Heron	95.8%	0.47%	6 Chestnut	96.9%	0.47%
			6 Oak	96.5%	0.27%
			6 Copper Beech	96.8%	0.14%



No Dogs are allowed on either site.

Christmas Cards

Please do not send Christmas cards into school to be given out, children will be making these in school for each other.

St Mary's Christmas Fayre Raffle Prizes

Voucher for The Egg ~ £40 Sakura Voucher ~ £20
 Beauty Rooms Voucher ~ 2 month trial School of Kung Fu ~ Wallington Pizzeria Voucher ~ 2 x Driving Lesson Vouchers ~ Pilates Class ~ Free Meal & Wine at The Greyhound ~ Camp Day at Future Gymnastics ~ £25 Meal Voucher for The Sun ~ Hamper from Corks&Keg ~ 2 x Hobbledown Tickets ~ 2 x Massage Vouchers ~ Antoninos Pizza Voucher ~ £15 Voucher for Bounce at the Barn ~ Set of 3 MyGym Classes ~ Mum Fit Wonder Voucher ~ Bottle of Fizz from The Sun

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?

ST MARY'S XMAS FAYRE

LUXURY HAMPERS
 £5-£30

ST MARY'S XMAS PUDDINGS
 £4-£6

PIC-COLLAGE

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday->

Dates for the Diary

TBC means To Be Confirmed (dates may be subject to change)

	NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL	JUNIOR SCHOOL
Tues 5th Dec	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting
Weds 6th Dec		4 Ash Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome
Thurs 7th Dec	Nursery Nativity at 10am – via Gate 3 Year 1 Maths Workshop – Sign up via email link Year 2 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins 9am – 9.20am (No need to book, just arrive at the school office) Year 2 Christingle service at Holy Cross at 6pm	Year 3 Maths Workshops – Sign up via email link Year 4 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins 9am – 9.20am (No need to book, just arrive at the school office)
Fri 8th Dec	Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle and chocolate donation.	Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle and chocolate donation.
Sat 9th Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre 11.30am – 2pm – Entrance via Shorts Road	PTA Christmas Fayre 11.30am – 2pm – Entrance via Shorts Road
Mon 11th Dec	No Clubs running from this week Year 1 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins 9am – 9.20am (No need to book, just arrive at the school office) Year 1 Carols around the crib at 3.30pm	No Clubs running from this week Year 3 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins 9am – 9.20am (No need to book, just arrive at the school office)
Tues 12th Dec	Reception Hedgehog Nativity at 9.30am – via Gate 3	
Weds 13th Dec	Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper/Accessory Day	5 Birch Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome Christmas Lunch – Christmas jumper/accessory day
Thurs 14th Dec	Reception Squirrel Nativity at 9.30am – via Gate 3	Year 3 Christmas Nativity at 1.30pm Year 3 Christmas Nativity at 7pm
Fri 15th Dec	Reception Fox Nativity at 9.30am – via Gate 3	Christmas Accessory Day in exchange for chocolate donations – Junior School Only St. Mary's Got Talent 'In House' Chess Club – Last session this week
Mon 18th Dec	PTA Christmas Shop	Music Night
Tues 19th Dec	PTA Christmas Shop	Whole School visit to the Pantomime at Epsom Playhouse
Weds 20th Dec		6 Copper Beech Class Assembly at 9am – Parents Welcome Junior School Fayre (school time, children only)
Thurs 21st Dec	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM
Mon 8th Jan	INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 9th Jan	FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM
Mon 29th Jan – Fri 2nd Feb	SEND Parent Academic Review Week	SEND Parent Academic Review Week
Tues 30th Jan	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School
Fri 2nd Feb	PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School	PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School
Mon 5th Feb – Fri 9th Feb	Parent Academic Review Week	Parent Academic Review Week
Weds 7th Feb	School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting	School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting
Fri 9th Feb	Y1 After School Treat Sales	
Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb	FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED	FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 19th Feb	FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM
Sat 24th Feb	PTA International Fayre – More details to follow!	PTA International Fayre – More details to follow!
Fri 1st Mar	PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow!	PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow!
Tues 5th Mar	School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting	School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting
Mon 25th Mar – Fri 19th Apr	PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow!	PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow!
Weds 27th Mar	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting
Thurs 28th Mar	LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM	LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM
Mon 15th Apr	INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 16th Apr	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM
Fri 19th Apr		PTA Junior School Disco – More details to follow!
Fri 26th Apr		Y3 After School Treat Sales
Thurs 25th Apr	PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School	PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School
Mon 6th May	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 10th May	PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!	PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!
Fri 17th May	YR After School treat Sales	
Tues 21st May	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May	MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED	MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 3rd June	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM
Weds 5th June	School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting	School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting
Mon 17th June	INSET DAY 5 – TBC SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 5 – TBC SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 14th June		Y4 After School Treat Sales
Tues 25th June	School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting	School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting
Fri 5th July	PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!	PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!
Sat 6th July	PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow!	PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow!
Thurs 11th July	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting
Weds 24th July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM	LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM

General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)

The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and strengthens your rights over your own data. Please refer to our privacy notices on the school's website for details of how sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.