



Learning, playing and growing together in the love of Jesus

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd December 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Autumn 2 Term

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A message from Mrs Hulme

Dear Parents and Carers,

December is here with slightly lower temperatures but with a definite anticipation of joy and excitement for the next few weeks.

We hope to see everyone joining us at the nursery and infant school for our Christmas Fayre tomorrow. The PTA have been working wonders with the generous donations to create a successful event.

Whilst visiting classes it is obvious that the children are getting into the Christmas traditions, preparing for concerts and in RE lessons, making connections between the beautiful Christmas lights and Jesus being the giver of light to us all.

May we make this Christmas season a special one.

In light of our Catholic Social Teaching for this year, Children are being asked to share in a more inclusive way. Each child will be asked to make one Christmas card to enable every child to be a receiver. No Christmas cards will be distributed from home in school. However, at the junior school we are once again running the Christmas message screen and the donations from this will be given to CAFOD charity.

Please ask your child to tell you the story about the birds who carry messages to others after our Liturgy on Monday.

Spirituality

Advent has started! We are absolutely delighted that St Mary's Federation children have presented CAFOD's Advent Assembly for Primary Schools this year! The assembly was made available on CAFOD's website on December 1st and you can see it here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Primary-school-assemblies/Advent-assembly-primary> We are very proud that our children have shared the true message of Advent with the world. Every year, we offer the opportunity for families to write a Christmas message for the school dining hall screen, to be seen throughout the day. The token amount of 50p for this message has always been donated to CAFOD, and we are really pleased to have been asked by them to appear in their assembly.



The first candle on our Advent wreaths have been lit and we live with the hope that Jesus is coming soon. In the Juniors we welcomed back Mrs Norbury (previously our school chaplain) as she represented Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust. She was very touched and humbled by the response to Operation Elf and collected 26 gift cards of £15 each to give to mothers in the local prison: thank you.

In addition to lighting our first candles, we have also been thinking about others. Catholic Social Teaching asks us to give Preferential Option to the Poor. This means putting the needs of the poor above the needs of others. Seeing the doors of our Reverse Advent Calendar filling with donations really shows that this care is at the heart of our community - thank you once again for supporting those most in need.

Table Talks Topics - Would you rather have wings or four legs?

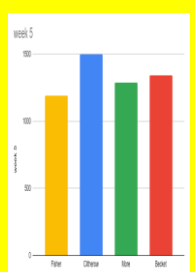
News for the week

Recognition & Reward

Infant - Stars of the week

1 Robin	Molly
1 Sparrow	Nicole
1 Wren	Amelia
2 Heron	Rei
2 Jay	Jacob
2 Woodpecker	River

Junior - Housepoints

4 th is Fisher	
3 rd is More	
2 nd is Becket	
1 st is Clitheroe	

'Star Writer' Award

3 Willow	Olaf
3 Mulberry	Sara
3 Hawthorn	Ashton
4 Poplar	Sophie
4 Ash	Zachary
4 Rowan	Hope
5 Elm	Mia
5 Sycamore	Tiana
5 Birch	Grace
6 Copper Beech	Samuel
6 Oak	Alan
6 Chestnut	Sheranka

Reminder - Nursery last day of term

Nursery's last day of term is Thursday 15th December 2022

Thank you very much to all the parents and carers who attended our Active Learning Workshops on Thursday. It was great to be able to welcome everyone into school to work through practical approaches to maths. Thank you to Miss Atkinson for leading us through this, it was beneficial to everyone who attended. We really enjoy running these sessions in school but please do remember to inform the school if you are not able to attend a session, so that we can open up these spots for others. We look forward to continuing to work with our families to support our pupils.

Sports News

The Year 6 boys B team played their first football match on Monday night against Muschamp. The team went to Carshalton boys to play against a strong side. The game ended with a 3-3 score, with all the boys playing brilliantly together. For some of the boys in the team, it was the first time they have represented their school and we are very proud of you. Well done to everyone who played and thank you to all those who supported!



On Friday morning, a group of pupils from Year 5 and 6 went to Wallington girl's school to take part in an indoor athletics event. The team took part in a variety of events, including running, jumping, throwing and an obstacle relay. The team represented the school wonderfully, encouraging one another in every event. We finished 3rd overall, which is a brilliant result. Well done to Noah who we nominated as athlete of the event for our team, Noah worked so hard in every event and was a fantastic teammate to everyone. A big congratulations to everyone involved!



A huge well done to our netball A and B team who played tough opponents on Wednesday night. Both teams worked really hard and played fantastically together. This was the B team's first game against another school and they all played brilliantly. Well done to all those involved and a big thank you to everyone who supported!



Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch Day

Children can wear their Christmas jumper or a Christmas accessory eg. Headband, tie or socks together with a full uniform.

