

Friday 8th 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 hope that you are all enjoying the build-up to Christ's Birthday, we certainly are in school. We have carols being sung in each school and lights twinkling to set the scene. What more can we ask for, apart from a truly successful community day tomorrow at the junior school when we hold our Christmas Fayre. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our festive gathering. You have been most generous in sending in donations of bottles, chocolate, and other goods - thank you.

This week we were entertained by Froglet Class as we came together to watch their Nativity and last night, we joined in the celebration of Christingle at The Holy Cross Church presented by Year 2 children. Next week it's the turn of reception, year 1 and year 3 to perform.

Continuing our Christmas tradition, the retiring collections for our concerts are for CAFOD as we think about those children who are unable to celebrate the coming of Jesus in the same way as us. Thank you in advance for your generosity, we have already made a good start.

Enjoy the 2nd weekend of Advent with the hope that we see many of you on Saturday at the junior school 11.30 - 2 pm.

Catholic News Round up

The first candles were lit on our Advent wreaths this week. This light reminds us of HOPE as we wait for Jesus. The weekly children's newsletter is emailed to all families and includes children's versions of the Gospel from Sunday, some nice activities, and puzzles to do and questions to help you discuss the meaning of the scripture as a family. We hope you find these useful.

We thank you for your donations of food and Christmas items for our Reverse Advent Calendars. All donations will be taken to our community Food Bank at St Philomena's School in time to be shared with those who need them.

During our school year we learn about the faiths of other people in our world. These have included, this term finding out about the Hindu Diwali celebrations and next year we will learn about the Ramadan and the Eid celebrations shared by our Muslim brothers and sisters. This weekend our Jewish friends celebrate Hanukkah and in our school assembly the children will hear a little about what that means.

Table Talks – Is it possible to ever stop thinking?

News for the week

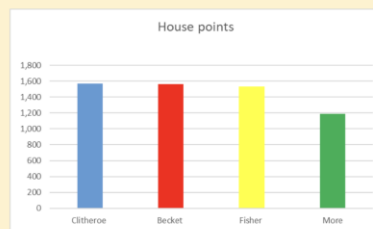


Star of the Week!

Reception Star of the Week will begin soon!

RH	Ryan	1R	Victoria
RF	Cayla	1S	Joshua
RS	Maddie	1W	Maggie
		2H	Amelia N
		2J	Norah
		2W	Jacob

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 Gymnastics Tuesday club will run this week.
(12th December)



Star Writer

3H	Ivy-Rose	5B	Jakub
3M	Rei	5E	Zac W
3W	Oliver	5S	Daniel G
4A	Alex	6C	Mia
4P	Nicole S	6CB	Mathias
4R	Cora	6O	Elise



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 %	Registration Group	Attendance %
Froglet N	94.27%	Year 3	97.35%
Reception	94.45%	Year 4	96.79%
Year 1	93.49%	Year 5	95.31%
Year 2	94.98%	Year 6	96.77%

Overall termly attendance will be reviewed next week

Christmas Cards

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

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?



ST MARY'S XMAS FAYRE



LUXURY HAMPERS
£5-£30
ST MARY'S XMAS PUDDINGS
£4-£6



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
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- entrance via gate 6	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	In School Treat Day (changed from Christmas Accessory) 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, doors open at 6.45pm, concert starts at 7pm
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.