

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 26th November - Autumn 2 Term

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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.

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Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are, already approaching the First Sunday of Advent this weekend.

As school comes to the end of its first term, we move into a time of preparation for the coming of Christ.

The lights are appearing all around us in shops and homes, guiding and reminding us that the celebration for Jesus, the light of the world, is nigh.

In these current difficult times we may need to share the excitement without friends and family and include Christ in our thoughts.

We are looking forward to a range of events and welcoming you into the school again.

Spirituality Sunday 28th November 2021 1st Sunday of Advent

Pact



Operation Elf...

A BIG THANK YOU

The children have been learning Bernadette Farrell's hymn 'Christ is our Light' and this week the message contained in their beautiful singing was reinforced by the wonderful donations for Pact's (Prison Advice and Care Trust) Operation Elf appeal.

At the Infant School, early on Thursday morning, Mary Bear sat patiently waiting for Sing and Praise to begin, keeping watch over the numbered chocolate donations and the envelopes emptied of money.

There was much excitement as teachers passed the box around for pupils to pick out a winning envelope.



At the Junior School the Y6 Chaplaincy Team have been busy for the past few weeks: promoting the appeal, sorting out the envelopes and making sure the chocolate was correctly labelled. One of the pupils' posters was so good that Pact used it to publicise the appeal nationally. Andy Keen -Downs, Pact's Chief Executive Officer, was very impressed!

Unfortunately, the hall was unexpectedly out of action so an adapted Hymn Practice took place via Google Meet. Undaunted, the Chaplaincy Team worked brilliantly - picking out the envelopes, selecting the winning chocolate, attaching the envelope to the prize and then taking it to the winner's class. Team work at its best!

Both staff and pupils were delighted to hear that our appeal has raised a magnificent amount of **£1,010!** All the money raised will be converted into £10 gift cards which, thanks to your generosity, means that 101 prisoners in HMP Downview will now be able to give a gift card to their children for Christmas.

Thank you everyone for your generous support.



News for the week

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 26.11.2021

Infants 95.4% **Juniors** 94.7%

Our target is:
97.4%

Get well soon to those children off unwell.

Stars of the week

R Fox	Arabella N
R Squirrel	Emilia S
R Hedgehog	Oliver L
1 Wren	Oliver B
1 Sparrow	Annie M
1 Robin	Gabriel M
2 Jay	Ekam S
2 Heron	Amelia M
2 Woodpecker	Finley H

House Points

This week's house points ...



Where to find the appropriate communications?

Class Based Activities/Trips/Reminders - Google Class Room

Safeguarding Alerts - Email from School Office / Website under Latest News

Newsletters - Email from School Office / Website / Google Classroom

Communication letters from Mrs Hulme - Email from School Office and Website under Latest News

Home School Agreements

Thank you to those families who have signed and returned these to the class teacher. We are aiming to have these all collected by Friday 26th November. The class returning them first will be rewarded with extra playtime as a reward.



A selection of our Year 6 boys represented St Mary's in a Croydon and Sutton schools football competition on Wednesday. The boys all played so well under the leadership of our captain Jenson. The team won 3 of their matches and made it through to the quarter finals, just missing out on a spot in the semi-finals on penalties. Well done to all the team!

Donations of Hardback books

A request for donations of any hardback, children's books, fiction or non, no longer required at home, for an exciting project at school - all will be revealed at a later date! Just regular sized books please, not A4 as in encyclopaedias, annuals etc. Please deliver to the Junior school and thank you for your support.

What a thoughtful act Isabelle, well done.

Within our school community, we are very lucky that we have such caring and thoughtful pupils. Isabelle in 6 Oak supported the charity The Little Princess Trust by donating her hair in order to make a wig for children and young people, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. What a wonderful thing to do for others and we are very proud of you Isabelle!

As part of Year 6's Road Safety Week learning we explored what it means to be a road safety hero. Here are some examples of our lovely Road Safety postcards giving advice on how to stay safe on the roads.



Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=25.6>