



Weekly Newsletter-Friday 7th December

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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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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a true delight to be in school as the Christmas season gets underway- listening to the songs being prepared to celebrate the birthday of Christ. We couldn't wish for much more.

Thank you to the families and friends who supported us at The Holy Cross Church for the Year 2 service, the atmosphere was wonderful and a fitting start to our celebrations. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone over the next two weeks for further festivities in school.

We do need to remind parents though that the use of electronics in school and for these events is not permitted whilst thanking you for your support. We thank parents who help us in keeping safeguarding measures in place by making suggestions -from now on we aim to keep pupils anonymous and will only publish Christian names on newsletters.

Nursery and Infant parents will be receiving an email today about revised drop off and collection arrangements.

Congratulations to Michelle, Meerkat Class who was one of the runners up in the Christmas card competition for Tom Brake.

To follow on with acknowledging the artists in our school - please click on the link to see the design by a Year 6 pupil chosen to be used for the Christmas card for the Education Commission. <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/index.html>

Spirituality

Sunday 9th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on both schools websites <http://www.stmarysjunior.org.uk/spirituality.php> <http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/spirituality.php>

At the Juniors, the **Travelling Cribs** have started their journeys around the families at school. The children love setting these up and leading the prayers with you at home during Advent: thank you for supporting them.

All Junior classes went to St Philomena's School this week for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Previously, they had all shared a Chaplaincy Session on Adoration with Mrs Norbury, and their reverence in the chapel was amazing. On their return, the children wrote a sentence about their experience of Adoration, and some are included here. We are sure you will agree that they are amazing. Perhaps we can all find a few minutes to take part in Adoration in our parishes as we prepare for Christmas. We are very grateful to Deacon Errol for his support and for leading us in Benediction.

"I felt safe and peaceful in God's hands."

"I felt loved, and that it strengthened my friendship with Jesus."

"I felt still today. I was able to listen."

"I was in the presence of the Lord, and it was great."



Table Talk returns to the newsletter this week with a suggested topic of conversation for your family to discuss at a mealtime together. Some of these topics might take even longer. Topic for this week: Does an acorn contain more information than a computer? - Just a reminder, that we have a Prayer Intention Book in the Reception area of each school. Please feel free to write your intentions in as you wish. Thank you to those who have added to it. Please take the time to read it when visiting the school.

News for the week

JUNIOR SCHOOL - Drop off

Parents must be mindful that the school cannot be responsible for children dropped off in the grounds in the morning without supervision.

Children should not be left in the playground unaccompanied early in the morning as there is no one on duty to supervise. Supervision commences when the door to the playground opens at 8.30/8.35 until the door closes at 8.45am.

Parents must remember that if the door to the playground is closed, they must accompany their child to the school office to sign them in children **should not be left to come in alone**.

Heads and Toes Day - Children are invited to wear Christmas socks or Christmas Headwear.

Reverse Advent Calendar - Donations

As we have now entered the season of Advent we would like to call upon your generosity once again by donating items for our Reverse Advent Calendar. As each day passes, rather than opening a window and taking something out we will put in items of food. All the food will then be given to the foodbank operated by Deacon Errol at St. Philomena's High School for Girls from where it is distributed to families in need in our local community. Sharing a meal at Christmas time is a very special occasion when families come together. Our contributions will make a huge difference to very many people and is a powerful way of sharing Christ's love with those in need. Items **must be in date** and have a long shelf life.

THANK YOU for all the socks you have donated to The Passage. An incredible 636 pairs of socks have been collected by The Passage who will distributed them to those in need, over 1,200 homeless feet will be warmer this Christmas because of your generosity. We are now receiving food donations for the food bank run by Deacon Errol at St. Philomena's High School for Girls and look forward to seeing our Reverse Advent Calendar filling up with tins and packets of food over the coming days. This Food Bank can also be used by families from our schools.



Christmas Card Competition 2018 Results

We are very pleased to say that Michelle's (Meerkats) Christmas Card was chosen as one of the Runners-up of Tom Brake MP competition, what a fantastic achievement and something Michelle should be very proud of! Well done!

Post Box - Both Schools

The Post Box for children to send Christmas cards will be in both schools from Monday 10th December 2018, please could we ask that you do not send Christmas cards before this date. Please can you ensure the first name, surname and class name are on all envelopes.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 7th December 2018,

**Reindeer Class - Sienna C, Cheetah Class - Katie P, Giraffe Class - Maja D,
Meerkat Class - Ava-May M, Horse Class - Theo S, Owl Class - Andrea M**

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!

Dates for the Diary

NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL		JUNIOR SCHOOL
Open Day Nursery & Reception at 9.30am Reception Nativity at 1.40pm	Mon 10th Dec	Top of the Form at 1.45pm (Children only)
Pantomime theatre group visit to school - Peter Pan	Tues 11th Dec	
Reception Nativity at 9am	Wed 12th Dec	Yr. 3 Nativity 1.30 and 7pm
Year 2 - Medieval Day	Thurs 13th Dec	Junior Advent Mass (Children only)
Nursery Nativity at 10am Nursery Nativity at 2pm	Fri 14th Dec	Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly 9am
Reindeer Class Liturgy Access gate 4 - Parents welcome at 2.45pm Infant Christmas Shop Year 1 Carols around the Crib at 6pm	Mon 17th Dec	Whole school trip to pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk
Infant Christmas shop	Tues 18th Dec	Christmas Music Night at 6pm
Christmas Heads or Toes Christmas Lunch Infant Creativity Day	Weds 19th Dec	Christmas Head or Toes - Bring a bottle for Christmas Fayre Christmas Lunch
NURSERY FINISHES	Thur 20 Dec	Christmas Fayre-parents from 2.30pm
SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 21 Dec	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 3	Mon 7 Jan	INSET DAY 3
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Tue 8 Jan	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
SCHOOL FINISHES	Fri 15 Feb	SCHOOL FINISHES
	Thurs 17th Jan	Year 3 Classes - Daisy First Aid 9am
	Fri 18th Jan	Year 5 Elm Class Assembly 9am
	Mon 21 Jan	Faith in Action Meeting (hall/chapel) at 3.30 - 5pm
	Weds 23rd Jan	Learning Journal going home - 'My Universe' NSPCC Assembly for all Juniors Year 5 Workshop at 10.45am Year 6 workshop at 11.30am
	Thurs 24th Jan	Year 3 Willow Class Assembly 9am
Governor's Inclusion Committee Meeting in Infants at 7pm	Weds 6th Feb	Learning Journal due in Governor's Inclusion Committee Meeting in Infants at 7pm
	Fri 8th Feb	5 Sycamore Class Assembly 9am
	Weds 13th Feb	Year 5 Birch class Assembly 9am
	Fri 15th Feb	Sponsored Bounce
SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	Mon 18th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Mon 25 Feb	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Mon 11th Mar	Faith in Action Meeting (Hall/chapel) 3.30 - 5pm
	Tues 26th Mar	FGB Meeting Juniors School at 7pm
SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 5th April	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 4	Tues 23rd April	INSET DAY 4
SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM	Wed 24th April	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	Mon 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
	Weds 8th May	Learning Journal going home - 'a poet and I know it'
	Mon 13th May	Faith in Action Meeting (Hall/Chapel) at 3.30pm - 5pm
	Weds 22nd May	Learning Journal due in
	Fri 24th May	4th Dimension - Year 6 SCHOOL FINISHES

	Mon 3rd June	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Tues 11th June	Resources Meeting at 11am - Juniors Inclusion Meeting at 7pm - Juniors
	Fri 14th June	Year 5 Under Canvas
	Sat 15th June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
	Fri 21st June	Year 6 return from Isle of Wight Trip
	Mon 24th June	INSET DAY 5
	Tues 2nd July	FGB Meeting at 7pm - Juniors
	Tues 23rd July	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM

Term dates can be viewed on either website at

<http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/files/TERM%20DATES%20%2018-19.pdf>

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