



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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SOME DIARY

DATES

24/11/2018

10.00am: Library move

27/11/18 9.00 am Marc Griffiths visit.

30/11/2018

Mufti Day – Hamper

Donations

03/12/2018

Parents Meeting with IEB

6-7pm

05/12/2018

Flu Vaccinations in school

07/12/2018

Xmas Movie Night 5-7pm

13/12/2018

KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm

14/12/2018

Christmas Jumper Day

18/12/2018

KS2 Carol Service 6pm

21/12/2018

End of Term Mass

HEAD'S NOTES

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly felt the chill in the air this week! As I have stood on the gate, I have noticed many woolly hats, scarves, gloves and even unicorn earmuffs! We will try to ensure that pathways are salted, on icy mornings, but please let the office know if anywhere has been missed. We hope to have a caretaker soon.

I am looking forward to the library move this weekend. We have a range of amazing fiction and non-fiction books in our school, which we need to use and enjoy. By moving the library into the heart of the school, every child can access it easily and enjoy calm, well-ordered and comfortable surroundings, while exploring and sharing books. We are lucky to have a focused group of parents, led by Mrs Biro, who have already dedicated time and energy into planning for this. The new space has been refreshed with new paint and will have areas to browse or snuggle up with a book. We plan to add new furnishings and would ultimately like to be able to buy an electronic system for borrowing books!

You may have noticed at drop off in the morning, that there are cones across the Key Stage One playground. This is to protect the children in Classes 3, 4 and 5 lining up to go in and to avoid them being knocked over or separated from their class by people exiting through the line.

Thank you to the PTA for arranging some lovely events for the children this term and organising fundraising for the school and Save the Children. The staff will also have hamper to be raffled, with the theme of Gold, Silver or Sparkly!

I am delighted to welcome Marc Griffiths (inspirational ventriloquist) to St Mary's on Tuesday morning. He uses puppets and magic to promote a growth mindset and happiness. Please have a look at his website 'Get out your box', to get an idea of what he will be doing with all the children in his show on Tuesday. I can't wait!

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Howie-Lee

We need you!

We are currently looking to recruit another MDSA, please see the office for more details if you are interested.

A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Poppy Appeal collection, as a school we collected a fantastic £143.10.

PLEASE SUPPORT ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

The Parents of St Nicholas School have created a petition in response to the announcement from Wiltshire Council regarding closure of SEN schools in Wiltshire. Please sign their petition in support. <https://www.change.org/p/save-st-nicholas-special-needs-school>

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch this year for KS1 will be on Wednesday 5th December, with KS2 on Wednesday 12th December. Letters were sent home yesterday, but spare copies are in the school office if needed.

New Library Project

You will remember that last year a team of parent volunteers worked hard with the school to renovate the old library space. The work that was completed in a short space of time made an immense difference and transformed the space that was previously the library.

Building on from the success of this initial phase, we are now excited to announce that the project will be expanding to move the whole library to an improved central location within the school. This will make the library truly a dedicated space where it can become a feature for all children to enjoy and to promote reading at the heart of the school life. Together with school management, we have several plans in place and the PTA, as well as money donated from the 100 Club at the end of last year will fund the project in part.

CAN YOU HELP? On Saturday 24th November at 10am, we will start moving the books from the existing library to the school building and are looking for volunteers to help. Even if you can only spare 1 hour it would be very much appreciated. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

Many Thanks
Library Project Team

Marc's Bio

Marc has addressed more than 1,000,000 people in 5,000 talks worldwide.

As a Keynote speaker he has researched, written and spoken for 25 years, speaking to all types of audiences on the subjects of Happiness, Personal and Professional Development, Self-Esteem, Goals and Dream achievement.

His humor and ventriloquism skills make his talks exciting and different, while his inspiration and wisdom bring immediate and long-term results.

Originally from the UK, Marc speaks internationally but now lives in the USA with his wife and four children.

...and ME!



AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Nursery:	Gino DCM	for showing such enthusiasm in his sharing ideas during story and circle time.
Class 1:	Benjamin L	for always being a friendly and polite member of the class
Class 2:	Adam W-C	for his fantastic attitude to learning!
	Evie S	for her fantastic effort in maths!
Class 3:	Oscar B	for super maths learning this week
Class 4:	Alexander G	for his beautiful handwriting and fantastic storytelling
Class 5:	Zoe J-B	for all her enthusiasm and hard work in all her learning
Class 6:	Marcus C	for fantastic effort and focus in all subject despite being ill for a week!
Class 7:	Leon G	for excellent effort in writing
Class 8:	Olivia B	for increased confidence in her times tables
Class 9:	Daniella E	for enthusiastic learning
Class 10:	Albert B	for fantastic focus and impressive calculation work in maths

Headteacher's Award:

Theo E and Mia Mck for kindness and caring for other people

Year 5 AGAT Science Event at Hardenhuish School



Nevaeh, Feliks, Thomas and Enzo from Year 5 joined the able, gifted and talented workshop at Hardenhuish School on Thursday 15th November along with children from other local primary schools. They had a great morning finding out the voltage of each fruit juice or vinegar which was combined with different kinds of metals e.g. zinc, copper and steel. They found out that lemon juice combined with zinc and copper gave the highest voltage of 0.95 v.

PTA NEWS

Monday 26th November : Christmas card designs

Hopefully you will all have received a form for your child's Christmas card design from Cauliflower Cards. If you wish to place an order, please return all designs to school by this Monday, 26th November.

Friday 30th November: Mufti day

Non-uniform day in return for raffle hamper donations in your designated class colour. Please bring items of treats/toiletries/gifts/food items in your designated class colour as follows:

Early Years: GREEN

Class 1: RED

Class 2: RED

Class 3: PURPLE

Class 4: BLACK

Class 5: WHITE/SILVER

Class 6: YELLOW / GOLD

Class 7: BROWN

Class 8: ORANGE

Class 9: BLUE

Class 10: GREEN

... also on offer will be the sparkly staff hamper!

For further ideas and inspiration for items for your colour, please see the separate letter that will be sent out with your raffle tickets next week.

Friday 7th December 5-7pm: Christmas Film Night

Hopefully you will have received the booking form and the link to our online film vote, please contact the PTA with any questions.

Friday 14th December: National Christmas Jumper Day

Bring in £1 and wear your favourite festive knitwear or non-uniform outfit. Proceeds to be split equally between the PTA and Save the Children.

Next PTA meeting: Wednesday 28th November, 7pm Rivo Lounge

Please contact us at any time: stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com