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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

DATE: FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

What a wonderful week we have had to round off our final week of term in school. We began the week by enjoying the pantomime of 'A Christmas Carol', performed in our school hall. For many of our children this may have been their first introduction to live theatre and I hope that they enjoyed it.

We were led in a joyful celebration of the Christmas story on Tuesday at Year 3's Carol Service. Well done to all the readers and singers, especially those who sang by themselves or in pairs. Thank you also to Mrs Long and Miss Rookwood for preparing the service. I would like to share a lovely message that I received from the team at St Mary's. 'Please can you pass on our thanks to your wonderful choir who came to St Mary's on Sunday. They were brilliant! Our congregation absolutely loved their performance! Many thanks also to Mrs Long and the staff who came and gave up their Sunday morning. It was really appreciated. Your choir and staff were great ambassadors for the school. They are more than welcome any time!'. Well done to everyone who took part in this special service.

We also said a great big "Thank You" to our helpers in a special assembly on Tuesday. The support of parents and volunteers means so much to our community and is greatly appreciated. This week was also our traditional Christmas Lunch and I must say a huge thank you to Kath, Sam and kitchen team for cooking such a delicious meal, and to PTFA and parent helpers for setting the hall up so wonderfully and helping to serve over 300 hot dinners. It was a big job but the joy on the children's faces as they ate together with their teachers was a pleasure to see.

We also said a very big thank you and farewell to Miss Mansell who leaves us this week to take up her new post. Miss Mansell has been with us for some time and enriched our school in many ways. We send her our very best wishes for her new role.

I would like to end this last newsletter of 2023 by thanking the children, teaching, support and admin staff, the Governors, our Parish teams and our wonderful families for their hard work this term and to offer you all this blessing:

May the blessing of joy be with you...
May the blessing of peace rest upon you...
May the blessing of love flow out through you...
May all the blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the new year.
(Author Unknown)

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,
Mrs Marianne McDonnell
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 2nd January - INSET Day School Closed to Children

Wednesday 3rd January - Children return to school for Spring Term

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)
N Acorn - Miles
R Chestnut - Caleb & Erin
Y1 Elder- Louis & Hunter
Y1 Willow - Asher & Emilie
Y2 Birch- Niah & Gretel
Y2 Cherry- Addie and Frank
Y3 Elm- Harriet and Cillian
Y3 Fir - Kourosh & Ralphie
Y4 Maple - Joshua & Rosie
Y4 Cedar- Olivia
Y5 Pine- Felix & Mali
Y5 Beech- Ada & Ava
Y6 Oak - Avner & Alicia
Y6 Sycamore - Oli & Annabel

Values Champion:

(Given to children for demonstrating our school values)
R Chestnut - Ralphie
Y1 Elder - Grace
Y1 Willow - Abbie
Y2 Birch - Bodhi
Y2 Cherry - Pola
Y3 Elm - Talia
Y3 Fir - Nathan
Y4 Maple - Ben G
Y4 Cedar - Noah Mc
Y5 Pine - Helena
Y5 Beech - Jakub
Y6 Oak - Kai
Y6 Sycamore - Paul



Service of Light

We ended the term this morning with our beautiful 'Service of Light' where the whole school gathers to hear the story of Jesus' birth, told in parts by our staff, and to reflect quietly on the wonder of that first Christmas. Watching our children's faces as they came to worship this morning in the hall, lit only by candles, was a delight. We hope that the same excitement and awe will continue as you prepare to celebrate Christmas with your families.

Christmas Clothes & Party Day Donations

Thank you for all your donations on our Christmas Party and Clothes day. We raised a brilliant £210 for Save The Children.



Emails

staff will not have access to their emails over the holiday period. If you have a concern about the safety or welfare of a child or family at our school or you are a parent in need of urgent assistance, please email dsl@sendcofe.co.uk which is monitored throughout the holidays.

St Mary's Sunday Club

The team at St Mary's have asked us to share the information about their Sunday Club. If any children from Send would like to join the Sunday Club, they would be very welcome. They usually meet twice a month on a Sunday morning in the church rooms and take children from 3 to 12 year olds. We also have an older group for secondary school children which meets on a Sunday evening once a month. Please email sundayclub@sendparishchurch.co.uk for details.

Join the Team!

We are looking for a reliable, motivated, and enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisor to join our school as soon as possible to help provide our pupils with a safe and happy lunchtime experience.

Duties will include:

- The care and supervision of pupils during the lunch break in the dining hall and outside areas
- Encouraging good behaviour, table manners and social skills
- Initiating games and activities on the playground
- Assisting with tidying the site at the end of each lunchtime
- Providing First Aid where appropriate

Please refer to the Job Description and Person Specification for further details. We can offer you a supportive, friendly and professional team together with a fantastic outside play area. Previous experience would be an advantage, but training will be given. You will be expected to complete training in safeguarding, first aid and other qualifications relevant to the role.

For more information and to apply online visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/lunchtime-supervisor-1392242>

Dates for next term

Please have a look at the dates so far and note our **INSET days on 2nd January and 9th February.**

Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Wednesday 3rd January	Children return to school for Spring Term
Thursday 11th January	Y5&6 Dodgeball Tournament hosted by Mellow Junior School @ 1pm
Thursday 18th January	Y3&4 Dodgeball Tournament hosted by Mellow Junior School @ 1pm
Friday 19th January	Year 5 Young Voices at O2 Arena 12.00pm-11pm
1st February	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country at Rydes Hill Common (after school)
Friday 2nd February	Y5 Leading Christingle Service @2pm in St Mary's Church, Send. Parents are warmly invited to join us.
Tuesday 6th February	Y3 Visiting Synagogue (more info to follow)
Wednesday 7th February	Sporthall athletics Reception
Thursday 8th February	Sporthall athletics Y5&6 (am)
Friday 9th February	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February Half Term Holiday	
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
Monday 26th February	Y5 Virtual Space workshop
Wednesday 6th March	Sporthall athletics Y1
Thursday 7 th March	Sporthall athletics Yrs 2, 3 and 4
Friday 8th March	World Book Day celebrations in school
Monday 11th March	Y5 Bee Netball Tournament hosted by George Abbott @ 4pm
Thursday 14th March	Y6 C Team Football Tournament at Weyfield @3.45pm
Tues 19th March	Y3&4 touch rugby festival -stoke park @3.45pm
Thursday 21st March	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country at Pewley Downs (after school)
Friday 22nd March	Y6 Bee Netball Tournament hosted by Surrey Storm@4pm
26th March	Y4 Bee Netball Festival at HT @ 3.45pm
Thursday 28th March	School breaks up at 1.15 for Easter Holidays