

St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 1st December
2023



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Dear parents/carers,

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Please see our important advent dates below and do keep looking out for an advent display of art work which will appear at the front of the school on the windows very soon!

Advent Dates

Thursday 7th December– Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day!

Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Advent Service



Apple Activation










This evening a group of Y5 children will travel to the Battersea Power Station as 'guests of honour' of Apple. They are going to watch the unveiling of a piece of digital art and it should prove to be a fascinating experience. The children have been using the ipads and programme called Sketchy School and this should really help them see those skills come to life.





We are aware recently of a number of children coming to school in the incorrect uniform. Please do remind yourself of the expectations here and let us know if we can help you with any second hand uniform we may have here in school. We appreciate uniforms are expensive so you do have the option to purchase nearly new items from school, which is also good for the environment of course.

Please could all pupils be dressed in the correct uniform.

Early Years	
White Polo Shirt with logo	
Royal Blue School Sweatshirt with logo	
Navy Blue Jogging Bottoms	
Grey Shorts (Summer term)	
Dark or White Socks	
Trainers - Black or White with Velcro	
Blue and White Gingham Dress (Summer term)	
School Coat is available to buy (not compulsory)	
Book Bag	

KS1 and KS2	
White Polo Shirt with logo	
White Shirt / Blouse (optional to be worn with school tie)	
Tie Broad Stripe - Navy & Saxe (optional to be worn with white shirt / blouse with collars)	
Royal Blue Sweatshirt with logo	
Royal Blue V-neck Jumper with logo	
Royal Blue Girl's Cardigan with logo (optional)	
Grey Trousers	
Grey Skirt	
Grey Pinafore	
Grey Shorts (Summer term)	
Grey Tights	
White Socks (Girls) and Dark Plain Socks (Boys)	
Black Shoes - No Trainers or Visible logos	
Blue and White Gingham Dress (Summer term)	
School Coat (optional)	
Rucksack	

KS1 and KS2 PE Kit	
Royal Blue Tee Shirt with logo	
Navy Blue Jogging Bottoms	
Navy Blue Shorts (Summer term)	
Dark or White Socks	
Trainers	



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th December– Christmas Dinner day!

Monday 11th December– Y3 to Chelsea Theatre Pantomime

Tuesday 12th December– EYFS Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December– KS1 Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December– Y4 performance at the Winter Sounds concert in Fairfield Halls

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Advent Service

Thursday 14th December– Y1 to Chelsea Theatre Pantomime

Thursday 21st December - LAST DAY OF TERM—school will close early.

Monday 8th January 2024—first day back of term

Monday 15th January 2024 – INSET Day

9 ELMS ARTS MINISTRY
FREE VINTAGE COLLAGE
CHRISTMAS CARD WORKSHOP

TUE 5TH DEC 12.30-2.30PM

ROSE COMMUNITY CLUB ROOM SW11 4AN



Christmas Jumper Day!

On Thursday 7th December we are inviting all children to wear their Christmas jumper to school! Do wear a Christmas jumper (or something green and red or simply some tinsel!) if you wish.

Children will also be enjoying a Christmas dinner for lunch on this day.



Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?



Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	84%	2
Reception	88%	9
Year 1	89%	9
Year 2	83%	16
Year 3	98%	10
Year 4	96%	3
Year 5	97%	3
Year 6	94%	4

Our Mission Statement

‘A man took a grain of mustard seed and sowed it in his field. Indeed the seed is smaller than all other seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches’

Matthew 13.31

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **PRAYER**

“Dear parents, teach your children how to pray. Pray with them. Prayer strengthens family life”

Pope Francis



KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!

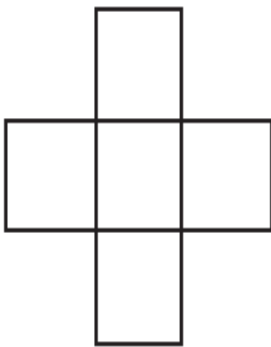


Last week's KS1 challenge answer- Largest total $13+9 = 22$, smallest total $13 + 0 = 13$

Well done to Garay and Sophia in Y2 for completing the challenge successfully!

KS1 challenge -

Write the numbers 1 to 5 in the squares so that each row and column adds up to the same number, called the 'magic number'. What is the 'magic number'?



Last week's KS2 challenge answer-

red triangle = 0 rhombus = 1 purple square = 2 rectangle = 3 oval = 4 purple star = 5 triangle = 6 semi-circle = 8 green star = 9 hexagon = 10 circle = 12 **Well done to Dylan in Y6** for completing the challenge successfully!

KS2 challenge-

Can you put the numbers 1 to 8 into the circles so that the four calculations are correct?

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St Mary's RC Primary School Term Dates 2023-2024

Please be aware that some dates differ from those published by Wandsworth.
These are our term dates for the academic year.

Autumn Term 2023
INSET Day: 4th September
Autumn 1: 5th September - 20th October
Half Term: 23rd to 27th October
INSET Day: 30th October
Autumn 2: 31st October - 21st December
Spring Term 2024
Spring 1: 8th January - 9th February
Half Term: 12th - 16th February
Spring 2: 19th February - 28th March
Summer Term 2024
Summer 1: 15th April - 24th May
Half Term: 27th - 31st May
INSET Day: 3rd June
Summer 2: 4th June - 24th July
Two INSET Days TBC



Coffee morning's / drop in sessions



If you would like to find out more about my role or get some advice
Come and join me for a coffee and a chat !

St Mary's School

Wednesday 6th December : 9:15am – 10:00am

Wednesday 13th December: 9:15am – 10:00am

You can also, email me on
Paige.Adams@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Please add your child's name and nursery/school in subject.



Ten:Ten Resources



December 2023

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This newsletter shares a glimpse of some of the prayer and liturgy resources that children will experience at school during this month. We hope you find this resource to be a useful addition to your family prayer time.

Last year we released the Jesse Tree resource which is a bit like an Advent calendar and based on the Advent tradition of spiritual preparation through tracing Jesus' ancestry. This beautiful resource will once again be made available for families to use at home, and we hope that parents will take the opportunity to share children's excitement in discovering the daily stories about Jesus' family tree. You can access The Jesse Tree through the Parent Portal.

Please read the remainder of the newsletter here.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/