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St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 8th December
2023



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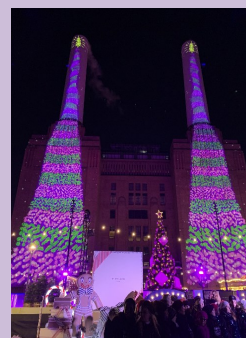
Dear parents/carers,

Last Friday evening we were kindly invited by Apple to attend the launch of David Hockney's new artwork 'Bigger Christmas Trees' created on an iPad and now looking incredible projected on to our local famous landmark Battersea Power Station. Have you seen it yet? It looks fabulous!

The Advent and Christmas theme continued in to this week. Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch were a highlight on Thursday. The breakfast club pupils also had a nice surprise on Thursday when we welcomed visitors from Magic Breakfast and the restaurant chain 'Dishoom', who generously delivered some beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts for our breakfast club pupils to enjoy in school. It really was a treat!

Nativities and the Advent service rehearsals continue to be a focus for us amongst all the fantastic learning. It's a busy time!

We hope you can join us for the nativities and Advent service. Please see dates below.



Dates for your Diary

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 14th December – Y4 perform at the Art'otel

Wednesday 20th December – Own clothes day / Christmas parties

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



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	



Thursday 21st December

On Thursday 21st December school will close early for the Christmas break. Nursery will finish at 12:45pm and Reception—Y6 will finish at 1pm.

There will be no fruity club on this day.

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

Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?



Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	91%	5
Reception	79%	7
Year 1	94%	12
Year 2	94%	18
Year 3	96%	8
Year 4	98%	10
Year 5	97%	3
Year 6	97%	10

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is HOPE

“Hope is a strength, a grace and gift from God. Advent increases our hope.”

Pope Francis



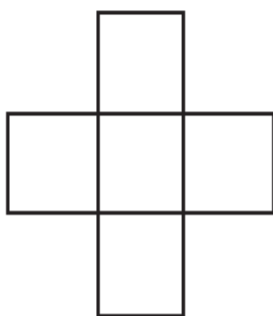
KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!



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



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Resources



December 2023

This year, the season of Advent falls wholly in the month of December. It's a time of busyness at home and at school with plenty to enjoy; nativity plays and carol services, lights and decorations, plans to visit friends and family... It can sometimes be easy amongst all the fun and excitement to forget what Advent is really about - a time to pause, reflect, and get ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

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/