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St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 15th December
2023



@StMarys_SW8



Advent, Nativities and performances enjoyed this week.



We're sorry to say goodbye to our reception teacher Miss McDougall next week. Miss McDougall has taught in reception for 4 years and has taught all of the pupils in years 1-4 and given them the best start in early years. Miss McDougall has not only taught reception class but also led the early years. Miss McDougall has always been driven to give the pupils in EY the best start to their education and has been instrumental in developing the outside EY learning environment-even amidst severe wind damage disruption! We thank Miss McDougall for all her hard work and commitment to St Mary's pupils and wish her all the best with her next adventures.



We're sure you will all join us in giving Miss Martin, our new reception teacher, a warm welcome when she joins us after Christmas. Miss Martin spent today meeting the reception pupils and informally met parents at the end of the day.

Mathletics

Please see the message we received from Mathletics this week. ***St Mary's has been among the top 1% using / engaged schools within the country which is a fantastic achievement. All students and teachers should be proud of themselves and a special mention to the Year 6 Ambassadors in helping celebrate the successes throughout the school.***

Well done Children!

Christmas Mass times for Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Joseph's Church

Christmas Eve - 10am and 12pm

Christmas Eve Children's mass- 5pm

Vigil Mass - 8pm

Christmas Day - 11am

Boxing Day - 11am

New Years Eve - 10am and 12pm

New Years Eve Vigil Mass - 10pm

New years Day - 11am



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.

KS1 and KS2		Early Years		KS1 and KS2 PE Kit	
White Polo Shirt with logo		White Polo Shirt with logo		Royal Blue Tee Shirt (with logo)	
White Shirt / Blouse (optional to be worn with school bag)		Royal Blue School Sweatshirt with logo		Navy Blue Jogging Bottoms	
Tie/Broad Stripe - Navy & Stone (optional to be worn with white shirt / blouse with collars)		Navy Blue Jogging Bottoms		Grey Shorts (Summer term)	
Royal Blue Sweatshirt with logo		Grey Shorts (Summer term)		Dark or White Socks	
Royal Blue V - neck Jumper with logo		Dark or White Socks		Trainers - Black or White with Velcro	
Royal Blue Girl's Cardigan with logo (optional)		Trainers - Black or White with Velcro		Blue and White Gingham Dress (Summer term)	
Grey Trousers		Blue and White Gingham Dress (Summer term)		School Coat (optional)	
Grey Skirt		School Coat (optional)		Book Bag	
Grey Pinaflore		Book Bag			
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					

Dates for your Diary

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



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	98%	2
Reception	88%	9
Year 1	89%	5
Year 2	90%	11
Year 3	97%	4
Year 4	99%	3
Year 5	97%	1
Year 6	92%	3



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **JOY**

“Joy is infectious, therefore, always be full of joy.”

Pope Francis

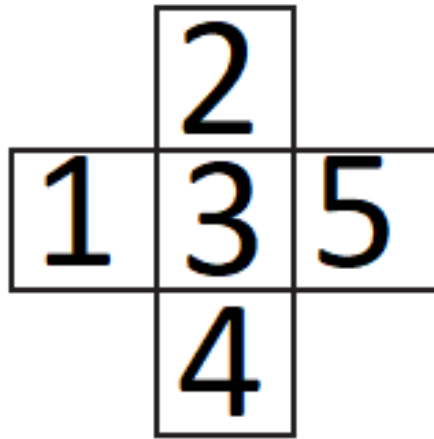




KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!



KS1 challenge answer- well done to Travis for completing the challenge!



KS2 challenge- Well done to Garay and Ashly for completing the challenge!

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KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!



KS1 challenge -

Look at the Christmas tree and answer the questions below.



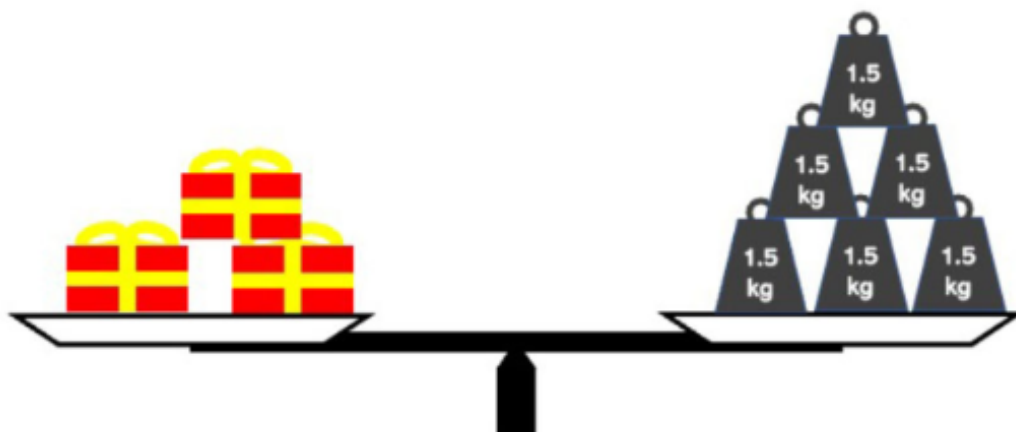
How many presents are in front of the Christmas tree?

How many candles are on the Christmas tree?

How many baubles are on the Christmas tree?

How many objects are there altogether, including the tree

KS2 challenge-



What's the weight of one red present?



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



Ten:Ten
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/



Battersea Education Wellbeing Service

NHS
South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

 **Are you OK
Wandsworth?**

Our wellbeing practitioners are trained to support children, young people and families to build their emotional understanding, wellbeing and resilience.



What can we help with?

Anxiety
(ages 3-11)

- Worried when separating from parents
- Worries about sleeping alone / going to school
- Fearful of specific things e.g., the dark, dogs, bees

Behaviour
(ages 3-8)

- Not listening to instructions / rude to parents
- Difficulty managing big emotions
- Rude to parents or teachers



We work directly with parents & offer 1:1 support, workshops and groups



Parents/carers learn new strategies and tools to try at home



We support parents to feel more confident when responding to their child

Next steps...

If you are interested in our service, speak to your school SENCO/mental health lead or complete our referral form and submit by email to:

Wandsworthwp@swlst.g.nhs.uk



Follow the Star

Come and be creative!

This Christmas Nine Elms Arts Ministry are offering some fabulous free festive creativity for all ages - at art'otel London Battersea Power Station (opposite Battersea Power Station South Entrance)

From 16th Dec - 5th Jan their FREE Christmas Community Studio is open in the art'beat studio from 9am - 9pm every day - just walk in and ask for the art studio

View the amazing mural and accompanying exhibition; create your own artwork using the free art materials; add your art to the community art wall; enjoy mindful colouring of artist-designed Christmas Cards; and kids festive arts and crafts

Special drop-in family craft sessions

Sunday 17th Dec 2-5pm & Thursday 4th Dec 1-4pm

(Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the studio)

PLUS

Follow the Star to Bethlehem - a FREE Christmas Eve Family Celebration

Come and join this magical hour-long festive experience for all the family,

Begin with Festive angel and star crafts, then be part of an interactive retelling of the Christmas story and carols with our cute, knitted nativity characters.

Plus a chance to hang stars of hope around our stunning Battersea Nativity Mural

We are all children on Christmas Eve, so come and join us whether you are 2 or 102!

No need to book – just come along and bring your friends

(all children must be accompanied by an adult)

Christmas Storybook for each child

Sunday 24th December 2-3pm

Creative Rooms art'otel London, 1 Electric Boulevard, Battersea Power Station, SW11 8BJ



Parenting and wellbeing programme

To take part in the programme you need to commit to all 6 sessions.

Where: St Mary's school

With: Paige Adams (School social worker)

Sessions:

17th January 2024 (9:15am – 10:15am)

24th January 2024 (9:15am – 10:15am)

31st January 2024 (9:15am – 10:15am)

7th February 2024 (9:15am – 10:15am)

Half term

21st February 2024 (9:15am – 10:15am)

28th February 2024 (9:15am – 10:15am)



Sign up by emailing: paige.adams@richmondandwandswoth.gov.uk (Please put your child's name and school in subject of email)