

# Newsletter 9

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Parents,

## **Bringing Back The Love of Reading**

As a staff, we have grown used to a rather strict method of teaching reading as is required by OFSTED and the Government. However, we have now decided to do all we can to develop a real love of learning. The first thing we are going to do is ask the children and you (either individually or as a family) taking a digital photograph of reading in an unusual place. This could be in the park, at the swimming pool (not in the pool!), in a telephone box, lying on the floor – the possibilities are endless! I'm going to have a picture taken of me reading to Ripley and Stanley!

We are then going to make a collage of these to display in the hall on our Family Tree. Please send these in by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **PTA News**

The Christmas Bazaar will be held tomorrow from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. The children have made some wonderful keeping gifts for you to buy so please come along and support them. Father Christmas' special visit will also happen at the same time so all are welcome.

**There will be a special Christmas Café in the staffroom servicing coffee, mulled wine plus adult and children's Snowballs with mince pies.**

I know that some parents are feeling the pressure from fund raising events so I would like to hear from anyone who has any new ideas which we could consider – we are always open for ideas. Sadly, with the very real cuts in school budgets from the Government, our funds have become even more important than ever.

## **Financial Donations to School and Voluntary Contributions to The Governors' Fund**

I discovered today that some parents are placing donations for school into the account of **Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)** in order to claim Gift Aid.

We do not know of this organisation and can confirm that we claim all the Gift Aid which is due to the school from your kind donations. Voluntary donations to The Governor's Fund are not kept by the school but used to pay the very expensive building insurance premiums for the maintenance of our building.

If you would like to donate any money to the school, please do not deposit this into a CAF account. If you do, the office staff need to spend additional time re-claiming this for the school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any more information on this matter.

## **The Christmas Disco – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Tickets for this year's Disco are now on ParentMail. So please buy yours before they all go!

## **Christmas School Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Lunch will be served to the children and staff next Friday. Your child can wear a Christmas jumper for £1 towards PTA funds – and, just to let you know, Stanley has already ordered his!

## **One New Toy Collection**

For the second year, we will be collecting One New Toy parcels for children who may not be looking forward to Christmas as much as we are. If you are able to buy a **small** new toy on your shopping travels and send this wrapped into school, this would be marvellous. I have attached an information sheet for you.

If you could send in the parcels by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, they can be placed under the hall Christmas tree.

### **Year Four's Triumphant Visit to The Tate Gallery.**

Well done, Year Four, for behaving so amazingly on your visit to The Tate Gallery to see your Year Three class picture. This was part of a fantastic country wide project run by Steve McQueen who asked for submissions of class photos from around the UK. Miss Smallhorn was particularly impressed with your enthusiasm and the excitement at seeing your picture!

### **Another Club That May Interest You!**

Mrs. Wilson would like to run a lunchtime Coding Club for Beginners in Years 1 and 2 on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Pearman on [mpearman@stsaviourprimary.co.uk](mailto:mpearman@stsaviourprimary.co.uk)

### **Friday Assembly's Out of the Box Question**

Today, I set a rather cunning Historical question which allowed children in Years 2-6 to use their Historical knowledge from Year Two to work out the answer. The question was: What dramatically happened in a street that sounds like Desert Street? Well done to Macey who worked out that this was the Great Fire of London which happened in **Pudding Lane** in 1666.

I also showed the children a PowerPoint Puzzle about who to use the amazing knowledge in their brain to solve a problem. I have attached this for them to try out on you over the weekend – enjoy! This attachment is labelled **Gigage Presentation**.

### **Senior Citizens' Party – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Year Six are busily preparing to host our Annual Senior Citizens' Party. **This year, we are extending the invitations to all families in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) so if your children would like their Grandparent(s) to attend, please contact Mrs. Pearman on [mpearman@stsavioursprimary.co.uk](mailto:mpearman@stsavioursprimary.co.uk) so she can arrange for an invitation to be sent home.**

### **Buster – Goodness**

Buster is spending the weekend with Jonathan in Reception today as he is a happy, kind and friendly member of Reception. He always shows Goodness by sharing joy with his friends around the school. His sister, Abigail, agreed with the teachers that Jonathan full deserves this honour. Well done indeed!

### **Teacher Angel – Miss Cornelius**

This week's Teacher Angel is Miss Cornelius. The children felt she has a great sense of humour and makes all the pupils and staff smile. She always works hard to make sure her class enjoys school as much as possible. They also know where she is if anyone has technical problems!

### **Stars of the Week – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Nursery:** Gay-Gay for settling into life in Nursery so well! You have grown yourself into all aspects of school life and we are particularly impressed by how well you know our Nativity songs and actions.

**Reception:** Dimitri – you have really impressed us with your knowledge of the lines and songs for the Nativity. You always try so hard in Phonics and are a kind and caring member of Reception. Well done!

**Year One:** Isabella – you have had a fantastic week! You always listen so carefully and join in enthusiastically in all lessons. Well done!

**Year Two:** Alex – you have put a tremendous effort into all our Nativity rehearsals. YOU have worked hard across all subjects and are a role model to everyone. Well done!

**Year Three:** Austin, you have had another great week! You always strive to set a good example to your classmates and give each activity your best effort. Well done!

**Year Four:** Vinnie – you have had an excellent week and worked wonderfully in all lessons. You obviously enjoyed our trip to The Tate and have been a wonderful role model all week!

**Year Five:** Aaliyah – you have persevered with your work extremely well this week – especially with your injured wrist. You have also participated fully during discussion times. Fantastic!

**Year Six:** Stella – you have had another fantastic week. We have been particularly impressed by your contributions during our Numeracy lessons. Fantastic!

### **The General Election is coming to St. Saviour's! THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

You will have heard that there is to be a General Election on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This has important implications for St. Saviour's as the school is used as a Polling Station. Please make a note of this as we will be closed on this date.

### **Dates for your Diary in December**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> The Choir to sing at a local care home during the afternoon  
The Choir to sing at Clifton Road Christmas Celebration – more information on Monday
- 4<sup>th</sup> Key Stage One Nativity performances at St. Saviour's Church 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nursery and Reception Nativity performance for parents at 2:00 p.m. at St. Saviour's Church
- 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day £1  
School Disco – tickets available on ParentMail
- 9<sup>th</sup> Voices for Advent. Year Six to host other local schools at St. Saviour's Church  
**There will be no School Mass on Monday – please collect children from school**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Years 5 and 6 to visit Paddington Academy for a pantomime show  
KS1 party  
School Choir to perform at The Paddington Advent Service at St. Mary's Church
- 11<sup>th</sup> EYFS Christmas Party  
Year Six to host the Senior Citizen party from 2:00 p.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nasal 'flu vaccinations for Years 1-6 in the morning
- 17<sup>th</sup> The Choir to go busking at Tesco's
- 18<sup>th</sup> Years 5 & 6 Christmas party
- 19<sup>th</sup> School Carol Concert at 1:00 p.m.  
**School breaks up for Christmas at 2:00 p.m. – please collect children from church.**

With all best wishes,

Miss Woodford