

Newsletter 11 (2020-21)

November 27th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Another lovely week at school with everyone managing the annoying but so necessary restrictions because of COVID. The golden light in all of this madness is seeing our wonderful children skipping and running into school with such smiles on their faces. I love seeing how happy they are coming into school and, even when they leave in the afternoon, they are just so joyful!

Christmas Lunch Update

The window for ordering Christmas Lunches is now closed. It has been wonderful to see so many children who usually have packed lunches opting for what looks like a really delicious meal. Harrison's have provided a wide and varied menu far beyond the normal meat or vegetarian options. If your child usually has a school lunch you did not need to do anything.

Christmas Lunch day is Thursday 10th December. This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day so find your greatest Christmas jumper and wear with pride for a donation of £2.

From next Monday, Harrison's will be providing a week of special European deserts which match up with the travels of the teddy bear they have given as a gift. This will be awarded on Friday to the child who has shown the best manners and use of a knife and fork.

PTA NEWS

Hurray, we are holding a live PTA fund raising event between now and the end of term! This is called **The Daily PTA Advent Raffle** and the prizes will be made up from the many wonderful donations you have given this week. This message is designed to show you how to take part and what the rules are.

1. Tickets are now on sale via ParentMail. They are priced at 5 for £5
2. The prizes are really, really exciting. There will be an Adult's hamper and a Children's hamper **every** day and the draw will take place 11:00 a.m. in a Zoomed assembly which the children will watch. This assembly will also include the daily opening of the Jacqui Lawson Animated Advent Calendar which the children love!
3. You can buy as many tickets as you wish. All tickets purchased will roll over to the next day with only the two winning tickets being taken out. So tickets bought for the first draw will stay in the Ticket Box until the last day of term.
4. You stand a chance of winning with every ticket you buy. If you win a daily prize, your other tickets will remain in the Ticket Box. The more tickets you buy the more chance you have of winning.
5. The strips of tickets will be sent to you as soon after you have purchased them as possible. The numbers will all be random as we would not be allowed to offer a choice.
6. You can buy tickets at any time from now until December 17th (the last day of term). Each day, there will be a cut off time of 9:00 a.m. and tickets bought by that time will be included in that day's draw.
7. Tickets bought after 9:00 a.m. will be added to the next day's draw.
8. Example photographs of the hampers will be sent to you on Monday - for illustration purposes only. Each one will be different but equally exciting!

The T-Towel have been ordered and are currently being printed. Once these arrive, we will sort and place them into bags to send home to you. Thank you to everyone who made this enterprise so profitable.

Have NO Fear, Father Christmas is still going to visit on December 3rd

Thanks to the hard work of Santa's wonderful helpers (Mr. O'Connell and Miss Wellman – Marlina's parents), it has been arranged for him to meet the children at an acceptably social distance so that our wonderful annual photos can be taken.

Short notice I know but a ParentMail order form will go out on Monday so you can say if you would like your child's or children's photos taken.

School Christmas Card Deliveries

Normally, we would welcome children and adults sending each other Christmas cards and posting them in the school Letter Box. However, with the current restrictions, we would have to empty the box each day and then store the many letters for 72 hours before they could be delivered.

So, this year, we are suggesting that children give one card to their class and once, opened and celebrated, they will all be displayed on the Family Tree in the School Hall. I think this will look lovely!

It's The Nativity and a Children's Carol Concert but not as we know them!

Again, due to COVID restrictions, we are have had to think creatively about how we can produce the must have Nativity play and support St. Saviour's and St. Mary's with their annual Children's Carol Concert on Christmas Eve.

Thankfully, Miss Cornelius, Miss Hodgson and the EYFS and KS1 Teams have come up with a cunning plan. The children will be filmed by Miss Cornelius in front of a Green screen which will allow her to place them in front of any background she wants. The songs sung by the four classes will form part of Father Bradley's famous Children's Carol Concert. Marvellous!

Year Six are taking part in a Bi-Borough concert that is being recorded independently and edited by the Local Authority's music team. Thanks so very much to Mr. Hurley (Noa and Skye's Dad) and Mr. B. (Kenny's Dad) for helping most professionally with the filming. They are also going to film songs sung by Years Three, Four and Five. The filming and the editing takes up a huge amount of time so we are very grateful for the help and support of these two fathers. Thank you!

Latest News for Reception

Mrs. Wilson has given birth to a healthy baby girl called Sadie Ruth Capell Wilson. Both are very well and Sadie is being thoroughly spoilt by her older brother Kit.

We have been looking long and hard for a teacher to cover Mrs. Wilson's maternity leave but this has been made more difficult by the sudden and unexpected news that Mrs. Scott will be leaving at Christmas as her husband has been offered a really good promotion in Essex. This is very sad news for all of us as she has been a wonderful teacher at St. Saviour's for nearly 10 years.

The good news, however, is that we have been able to appoint a very experienced teacher called Miss Choksi. She will be working with the Reception on Tuesdays and Wednesdays running up to Christmas and full time from January.

Year Six Banding Tests

12 Year Six girls sat the St. Marylebone/Greycoat test today at school and their answer sheets will be sent to St. Marylebone for marking on Monday. Sadly, the school did not provide enough test papers so all the children could do the test at the same time. The remaining children will sit the test on Monday but, have no fear, it will be very hard for the other children to speak about what was on the paper as it was not a comprehension paper but rather a Non-Verbal reasoning test which involves lots of patterns.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Alana, you are our Star of the Week! Our word of the week is Thankful and we are all so thankful that you are in our class! You are such a kind member of the class, always willing to help and look after your friends. We have all been so impressed with how well you have learnt the words and actions for our Nativity song. It was so lovely to see you singing so beautifully when we were practicing this week. Well done Alana, you are a super star!

Reception: Maryiza, you are our Star of the Week for such amazing blending and reading such exciting books. You are a delight to have our class and are always so caring towards your friends.

Year One: Paul is our Star of the Week! We have been very impressed with how hard he has been working this week, particularly in literacy lessons. He wrote a fantastic story inspired by our class book 'Billy and the Beast' and used lots of interesting adjectives. Keep up the good work!

Year Two: Nathalie, you are our Star of the Week! Well done for writing a fantastic diary as Queen Elizabeth I today. You did some amazing role play and really got into character, adding lots of your own ideas. Keep up the great work. You are a star!

Year Three: Congratulations Alex! You have put so much effort in to your learning this week and you have produced some fantastic work. You are always looking for ways to meet your targets and improve. You consistently help others and are a fantastic role model to your peers in Year Three. Keep up the fantastic work!

Year Four: Fei, you are our Star of the Week. You have had a fantastic week and made such a great start to Year Four. We are very lucky to have you in our class!

Year Five: Edoardo has had a fantastic week. He has really done well with getting on with his work quickly, calmly and quietly. Edoardo has also contributed positively to classroom discussions, giving some insightful and thoughtful ideas and opinions. Brilliant!

Year Six: Congratulations Ines, you are the star of the week. You are a conscientious and determined learner and you always give 100% to everything (including football). You have had another fantastic week and you are a pleasure to teach. Well done!

'Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 9th December. Any questions, please contact Miss Simmons.

Friday Try Day: Today the children tried a sample of cheddar cheese and Branston pickle. The reviews were mainly favourable although there were a few upturned noses!

With love and best wishes,

Miss Woodford