

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020



Unfortunately, there is still a far higher volume of children arriving late regularly than is acceptable. Attendance and punctuality is monitored and as we approach the end of our first term we will be assessing our records and look to seek advice from MAST to support those families who continue to struggle with punctuality. Y2 and Y3/4 start at 8:30am. Doors close at 8:45am and anyone arriving after this time will receive a late mark. Reception/Y1 and Y5/6 start at 8:45am. Doors close at 9:00am and anyone arriving after this time will receive a late mark.

Proud to be Me – You should always be prepared ‘Stay Awake, for you do not know either the day or the hour’

Reception Year 1	Niamh Leo	For always being ready to share her ideas For always being ready to learn
Year 2	Isla	For always being ready to learn.
Year 3 Year 4	Edith Mia	For always being organised and ready to learn For being organised and helping others to stay organised
Year 5 Year 6	Lilly P Bronwen	For always being organised and prepared for their learning.

House of the Week: Well done to St Catherine's

Music: **Sebastien J** for his great Autumn leaves work this week. **Zara** for her great pulse drumming this week. **Joe** for his good body percussion work in our Machine work this week. **Luke** for his great Dr Who improvisation work this week

Spanish: **Oliver** – a superb effort to count backwards from 10 in Spanish. **Max** – always asks good questions in Spanish and participates in every lesson. **Violet W** – super commitment in her work in Spanish. **Lexii** – an excellent attitude in Spanish this week and a superb paragraph about the Day of the Dead celebrations.

PE: **Juno** threw herself into all the activities in this week's PE lesson. She always had a smile on her face and tried exceptionally hard from start to finish. **Khalifah** challenged herself in this week's PE lesson. Making different tasks harder for herself to complete successfully. She stayed focused throughout the session. **Charlie** demonstrated excellent answers and feedback throughout this week's session. Always eager to answer and share his views on this week's topic area within the Mindfulness course. **Jake** showed excellent hockey skills this week within PE. Controlling and stopping the ball to dribbling into space around the area. He pushed himself to try really hard this week.

Happy Birthday Jenson F, Sofi and Joshua R

Upcoming Events...

Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Week
Monday 24 th November 9:30am	SAFFA meeting via Zoom
Friday 27 th November	No Uniform Day
Monday 30 th November	Blessing of the Wreath
Monday 30 th November	Deadline for the Smarties Challenge!
Friday 11 th December	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Carols being filmed
Tuesday 15 th December	Nativity Performed for Y3/4 and Y5/6
Wednesday 16 th December	Nativity Performed and Filmed for DVD
Monday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper/Party/Dinner Day
Tuesday 22 nd December	Jack and the Beanstalk Digital Panto
Tuesday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas – School finishes at 1pm

Plugs for Parents...

Odd Socks Day 16.11.20: Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week to help raise awareness of bullying and we would like to invite the children to come dressed in odd socks. If any children would like to donate there will be a collection to support the work that The Anti Bullying Alliance does.

SAFFA Meeting via Zoom: Please let the School office know if you would like to join the meeting and we will pass on the meeting link.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

No uniform day 27.11.20: Children are invited to come dressed in non-uniform and as a forfeit they are asked to donate an item for a hamper. Please could each class bring the following items with them on the day: Reception/Y1: Chocolates - Year 2: Wine/bottle of beer - Year 3/4: Cookies/Jams - Year 5: crackers/cheeses/chutneys. These hampers will be put towards creating prizes for the Christmas raffle.

Advent Celebrations: We are very pleased to say that there is still plenty happening at St Ann's to celebrate Christmas. We are looking forward to a time when we can share these celebrations with our parents and wider school community in person, but for now, we are finding alternative ways to share all that is happening.

Nativity and Carols DVD: The show will go on! KS1 will perform their nativity – Honky Tonky Donkey, as well as Y3/4 and Y5/6 singing carols, all of which will be recorded and available for parents to buy on DVD. The DVDs will be distributed in the last week of term so that you can share them with family and friends. A pre-order form will be sent out shortly via email so that you can place an order.

Christmas jumper/party/dinner day 21.12.20: Miss Eady would like to encourage all children to order a Christmas dinner on this day, as it is lovely for them to have a special lunch to celebrate Christmas together. School meals are free for all KS1 children. This always proves to be a great day, as each class enjoy a Christmas party with lots of games, and everyone can wear their Christmas jumpers or t-shirts.

Jack and the Beanstalk Digital Panto 22.12.20: The Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, have put together a digital panto that the children will all be able to watch and join in with at school. I am sure there will be many shouts of 'He's behind you!' coming from the classrooms!

Christmas Raffle: Tickets will go on sale shortly with many fantastic prizes to be won. The raffle will be drawn after the Nativity performance on 15th December.

Break up for Christmas: As we are unable to do The Blessing of the Crib as a whole school this year, we will integrate the liturgy into the morning and finish school after lunch ready for children to be collected at 1pm.

Updated DfE guidance for parents and carers: The DfE have updated their guidance for parents and carers on [what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#). This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings.

Unwanted Uniform Donations: A semi-permanent box has been placed against the green fence outside the main reception foyer for anyone who would like to donate their unwanted uniform. We are accepting all items of uniform that still have some wear left in them, with the idea that SAFFA can run a pre-loved uniform sale. The box will be checked regularly for donations and will remain in place over the coming year.

Wednesday Word: The Wednesday Word for this week can be found by following this link: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/talent?pid=MTA101634&v=9.9>

News...

Children in Need – Annual Duck Race: A big thank you for all your donations. Together we have managed to raise a fantastic total of £150.70 – Cheers could be heard from the classrooms, and the winner of the duck race was Quackman and Bobbin.

Amazon Smile: A quick reminder that you can support the school... for FREE... with **two clicks**. Please choose St Ann's Family and Friends Association as your Amazon Smile charity by following this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1112227-0> then, every time you shop it automatically raises funds for SAFFA.

Remember – you need to purchase through <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> every time you shop in order to raise