

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 13th December 2018

Tomorrow

Fr Nicholas will be hearing the children's confessions in school

NEXT WEEK:

Monday

Violin Lessons

Tuesday

Year one and Year Two dress rehearsal
Eco Committee

Wednesday

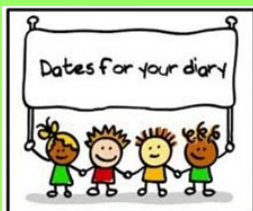
No Pens Wednesday
Year One and Two Christmas Production at 2.30pm and at 6pm
Last Year 5 Swimming (pm)

Thursday

Christmas Disco for the children
All Lower Early Years children to attend school in the morning
Last Multisports Club
Last Rugbytots Club

Friday

End of Term Mass
All Early Years children to attend in the morning



Dear parent/carer,

A big thank you to Year Six for the wonderful Carol service yesterday in the church. Year Six sang beautifully and they acted out and read fantastically in church. The carol service was by candle light and it was a very special occasion and really helped us all to think about the true meaning of Christmas.

Also well done to our Early Years for their fantastic Christmas production 'Happy Birthday Jesus'. It was a great show and the singing, acting and dancing was really enjoyable to watch. It was wonderful that children so young, with many only three years old, were able stand up and perform to a hall full of people.

The children also enjoyed their Christmas lunch this week. With plenty of popping crackers and music in the hall while they had their dinner.

Next week we have our Year One and Year Two Christmas production to look forward to seeing. We also have a busy week with the Christmas disco and lots of Christmas activities.



No Pens Wednesday

Next week, we will be holding our 'No Pens Wednesday' event.

All classes and lessons will be focused on learning through speaking and listening activities that will include debates, performance poetry, learning through photographs, story-telling and discussing topics of interest. We are doing this because we know speaking and listening skills are extremely important for children's development - both in education and more widely. This is a really exciting day that will encourage good classroom talk and will build on these essential skills in a fun and engaging way. 'No Pens Wednesday' is a national event developed by The Communication Trust, to find out more please go to:

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/nopensdaywedne

**No Pens Day
Wednesday**

Years 1 and 2 Production

Next **Wednesday 19th December**, Years 1 and 2 will perform their Christmas Production at **2.30pm** and then again at **6pm**. All parents, carers and family members are most welcome to attend any of the performances.

For the afternoon performance the front doors will be opened up for visitors at **2.15pm**. All pupils in Years 1 and 2 are expected to attend in the evening (please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible if there is any reason they are unable to attend). The front doors will be opened for visitors at **5.30pm**. Please drop your child off at their classroom before making your way to the school hall to get a seat.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will attend their last swimming lesson next **Wednesday 19th December**. Our Year 4 class will be attending swimming lessons after Christmas (letters will be sent home shortly).

Early Bird Groups

Mrs Owen's Year 6 group will finish on **Friday 14th December**.

A new group of pupils will be invited to attend Mrs Owen's group after Christmas.

End of Term Mass

Our end of term Mass will take place on **Friday 21st December**. If you are able to help accompany your child's class to and from Church - please let their class teacher know as soon as possible. We will leave school at approximately **9am** (the actual Mass will start at 9.30am). Thank you in advance.

Last Day - Early Finish Reception to Year 6 Combined Session for Nursery

We break up for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 21st December - at 1.30 pm**. Please make arrangements to collect your child/children at the earlier time - thank you. **All Nursery children should attend the morning session from 8.30am until 11.30am.**

HOUSE POINTS

House Points winners in each year group:

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Jawdan	44
2	Olivia N	10
3	Tegan	13
4	Darcy	32
5	Joseph	15
6	Emily	8

This week's winning house is: St Francis with 458 points!

Absence Notifications

Please remember that when your child is absent you need to notify the school on the first day of absence on the dedicated line: 01895 232 814 selecting **option 1** and then send a letter or email explaining the reason for the absence on their first back to school. When sending an email, please make sure to use the correct email address:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Labelling all uniform, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes

Please ensure all your child's uniform, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes are labelled with their name. **This will help to prevent lost property.**

Date	Event
Fri 14 th Dec	Confessions (Y4, Y6)
Tue 18 th Dec	Y1&Y2 Dress rehearsal
Wed 19 th Dec	Y1&Y2 Production 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. No Pens Wednesday
Thu 20 th Dec	LEY and UEY Disco (all Nursery children attending am) KS1 and Ks2 Disco
Fri 21 st Dec	All Nursery children attending am End of term Mass 9:30 a.m. End of term. School finishes at 1:30 p.m.
Mon 7 th Jan	INSET Day - School closed
Tue 8 th Jan	Pupils back to school