

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023











Good morning,

Thank you to everyone who came to parent consultation afternoon on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many people chatting to their teachers and we hope you found it useful. You will have all received a letter as part of the afternoon, highlighting your child's attendance. For those people whose child's attendance is a concern, it is vital that every effort is made to ensure they are in school every day as the impact of poor attendance is profound. Your support is greatly appreciated.

This week marks the start of Advent, a season of preparation for the birth of Jesus. The children will all be learning about this in our RE lessons and our charitable giving starts today with a fundraising event for CAFOD, a Catholic charity who help support our global brothers and sisters. You will have received a SWAY document highlighting the events that are taking place over the remaining weeks and these are also listed in the important dates section of this bulletin.

During Advent, many of your children will have Advent Calendars to help prepare them for the season of Christmas. This year, we'd also like to provide our own Advent Calendar for you all. Each day (week day) and over the weekend, we'll provide you with a short reflection and a Christmas story that you can share with your children, to help prepare for Jesus' birth. Keep an eye out for the messages in the school app.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS TEACHERS

| CLASS                                    |   | TEACHERS                                    | THEIR MESSAGE TO YOU   |
|--|---|---|--|
| NURSERY                                  |  | MISS MURPHY & MRS LAROQUE                   | Thank you to everyone who came to the parent consultations this week - it was so wonderful to see you all. Nursery have so enjoyed this week having their first forest school session. Please be aware that the next two forest school dates for Week 5 and 6 are now on a Wednesday. There is no Forest School in Week 7. Well done Nursery for another great week!   |
| RECEPTION                                |  | MRS HICKMAN & MRS JONES                     | Well done for another great week! Homework will continue to be in a similar format up until Christmas. Please continue to practise blending at home. 😊 Reception will now have Forest School on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December - please remember to come in warm, old clothes, normal school shoes, and bring a bag with wellies in. Thank you 😊                          |
| YEAR 1                                   |  | MR ABNETT, MISS CASHMORE & MR FALLOWS       | First of all, can I thank everyone that attended our parent consultations. It was lovely to speak to you all! You have been given your child's Go-read and Numbots logins again for you to keep at hand. Any issues let me know! Nativity tickets are available so if you need any, please speak to me at the end of the day! Remember to keep logging on Go-read and playing Numbots! Let's win the trophy. |
| YEAR 2                                   |  | MISS ELLIOT & MRS BARNETT                   | It was lovely to see so many of you at this week's Parent Consultations. I'd just like to thank you all again for your continued support - it doesn't go unnoticed! 😊  |
| YEAR 3                                   |  | MR MCNAMARA & MRS DEOCADES                  | A huge well done to year 3 this week on their parent consultations, we have all been very impressed with your attitude to learning. This week year 3's focus has been on Computing; it hasn't been the easiest of tasks, but they have persevered and had fun a long the way. Keep up the good work.   |
| YEAR 4                                   |  | MR CLEWER & MRS HAWKINS                     | A big thank you to Year 4 for a much-improved week on TTRS. Please don't forget to practice your lines for assembly next week!   |
| YEAR 5                                   |  | MISS NEVILLE, MRS EDGINGTON & MR LAHERT     | Well done to Year 5 for completing their final week of swimming. It has been wonderful to see the progress made over the past two weeks. They have also completed their unit on Mountains and their Seesaw tasks have been very impressive. Well done Year 5!  |
| YEAR 6                                   |  | MISS MAPOTHER, MS ELSBY-ARNOLD & MISS PLANT | Well done for another great week Year 6 especially at swimming the last two weeks! I thoroughly enjoyed talking to your parents on parents evening too, it was lovely! Please remember to do your homework and keep the hard work going!   |
| DAILY ACTIVE & AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS |   | MR READ                                     | A big thank you to my Year 1 and 2 dancing club for their passionate efforts in learning a new Christmas dance and for setting an excellent example of behaviour. Well done!   |

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WEEK 5

| DATE                               | CLASSES      | EVENT   |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December | Whole school | Whole school mass in church @ 10am<br>Year 6 will be leading the readings and prayers   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December    | Whole school | Advent charitable giving – St Vincent De Paul Society – please bring in tinned and dried foods for the food banks. The children can wear their own clothes as a thank you for their kindness. |

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



| WEEK  | DATE                                |   | EVENT  |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 6   | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December |    | Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day<br>Stories with Santa & KS2 Christmas Stories After School Event   |
|   | Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  |    | Advent Retreat Day with One Life Music   |
|   | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    |   | Advent charitable giving – PTFA – please wear your Christmas clothes and bring in £1 to help support our amazing PTFA. Remember, all the money goes towards helping them organise events for our children. |
| 7   | Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    |    | EYFS Nativity (afternoon – time tbc)   |
|   | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   |   | EYFS Nativity (morning – time tbc)   |
|   | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December |    | PTFA Christmas Disco (details TBC)   |
|   |                                     |    | EYFS & Y1 Theatre trip – Red Riding Hood @ Birmingham Rep  |
|   |                                     |    | Whole school mass in church @ 10am – Year 5 will be leading the readings and prayers* (*may be subject to change by Father Gary)   |
|   | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  |    | An evening of Cards @ St Thomas Aquinas  |
|   | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December    |    | Year 2 – 6 Christmas Performance in the Church @ 3.30pm  |
|  |                                     | Advent charitable giving – Anawim Women's Charity – please bring in £1 for this amazing charity and wear your own clothes as a thank you for your kindness. |  |
|   |                                     |    | Break up for the Christmas Holidays @ 1.00pm   |
| Spring 1  |                                     |   |  |
| 1   | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 |   | Teacher training day   |
|   | Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January     |    | Children return to school @ 8.30am   |
|   | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January   |    | Years 2 – 6 Theatre trip – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe @ Birmingham Rep   |
| 3   | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January     |    | Gymnastic festival for Year 1 timings TBC<br>(Your child will be given a letter if they are involved in the festival)  |
| 4   | All week                            |    | National Storytelling Week   |
| 5   | All Week                            |    | Safer Internet Week  |

HAVE A FABULOUS WEEKEND!  
MR CARROLL AND MISS NEVILLE





# Our librarian's book recommendations



We have a fantastic team of librarians in school who work tirelessly in the library. Of course, one of the most important roles for them is to read – something we are all passionate about. They have all chosen a book from the library and produced a review, to help inspire other children to read their book.

Each week, we'll highlight two of their book recommendations for you so you can talk about them with your child. Simply scan the QR code below to read and listen to what they have to say about their chosen books.



## Books for Christmas

As we begin the season of Advent, your attention will no doubt turn to Christmas gifts. Books make the perfect gifts for children and will provide them endless opportunities to fire their imaginations.

Love Reading 4 Kids have released their list of 'Best Children's Books for 2023' so we thought we'd share it with you there might be stocking filler you can get from the list!

[Click here to find out more!](#)

## Why read for 20 minutes every day?

| Child A                               | Child B                             | Child C                           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reads <b>20 minutes</b> per day       | Reads <b>5 minutes</b> per day      | Reads <b>1 minute</b> per day     |
| Hears <b>1,800,000</b> words per year | Hears <b>282,000</b> words per year | Hears <b>8,000</b> words per year |



# NEWS

The PTFA have been working incredibly hard organizing different Christmas events for the children for the end of half term and we are very grateful for the time and support they are offering the school.

## Christmas Disco

The PTFA Christmas Disco takes place on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 3.45pm - 4.45pm in the school hall.  
Tickets will be on sale from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, priced at £1.50 per child.  
*Tickets prices include admission, a drink and a cookie.*



To purchase tickets, please see a member of the PTFA in the main playground.  
Please note, ALL children MUST be accompanied by an adult to the event.  
*Children will not be admitted without an accompanying adult for safeguarding reasons.*

In addition to the Christmas Disco, the PTFA will also be supporting the school Christmas Stories event on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The PTFA will also be treating all the children to a little surprise on the final day of half term - the perfect way to start the Christmas Holidays!

We thank them all for their support as we know it makes a huge difference to the children of our school!