



# JANUARY

## 2020 Newsletter

*'Live together, pray together, learn together  
and grow together in Christ'*

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*God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.*

*Thank you for the year behind us and for the year ahead.*

*Help us this new year, Father, to worry less and laugh more.*

*To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.*

*To teach others to love by loving them.*

*Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.*

*So that Love could be with us, and we could know you.*

*That we could share Love with others.*

*Thank you for another new year and for new chances every day.*

*We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.*

*We accept your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on you to help us do  
exactly what you want.*

*In Jesus name, Amen.*

### **Thought for the Month**

'In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it.'

Pope Francis

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Masses/Assemblies - Parents are welcome to attend**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January: 10.00am Youth Mass followed by sacramental preparation in St Patrick's School

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: 10.00am Y6 to Parish Mass

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January: 2.00pm Y3 Class assembly in the school hall

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00am Y5 to Parish Mass

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February: 2.00pm Y2 Class assembly in the school hall

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00am Youth Mass followed by sacramental preparation in St Patrick's School

#### **Other Dates**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Height and weight screening for pupils in Y Reception and Y6

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: World Faith Week with a focus on Judaism

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Percussion workshops for each class pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Spring Term Parent's Evening from 3.30pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February: School Disco for Valentine's Day

## Advance Notice:

Half term Break: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Easter Holiday starts: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Half term is from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Children return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## 100% ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

***Congratulations to the following children who achieved 100% ATTENDANCE and were NOT LATE during December 2019:***

**Rec:** -. Elias, Senay, Riedel, Lulia, Charis, Mawuena, Ariella, Saron and Juvarni

**Year 1:** - Elliot, Halima A, Maili, Luliya, Elhana, Elijah, Issaiah, Sesen, David, Maksymilian, Oliver, Xareon, Jabez, Mikel, Kwaku, Adam, Imarni and Prisella

**Year 2:** -. Mustapha, Marcelina, Amen, Meron, Makayla, Amelia, Anointing, Akim Joshua and Mohammed

**Year 3:** - Cheryl, Ebunoluwa, Deangelo, Aryanna, Sarah, Aniah, Oje, Nahom, Genesis, Dominik and Antoni

**Year 4:** - Ireoluwa, Favour, Jayden C, Roksana, Natnael, Joyce, Dylan, Wiktor, Annael, Juliet, Star, Joshua, Regan, Shumirai and Kevin.

**Year 5:** - Kameel, Hermon, Billal, Edward, Yafet, Shanaya, Michelle, Paul, Daniel, Jake, Kijarni, Benjamin and Lois

**Year 6:** - Krystalia, Antoni, Lewis, Nathan, Reginald, Chris, Ava-Mai, Leslie, Maria, Levi, Dima, Sienna, Shane and Lourdes.

Class of the Month: December: Attendance		Class of the Month: December: Punctuality	
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>94.4%</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>1.44%</b>



### **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY WEEK 1**

18<sup>th</sup> November - 22<sup>nd</sup> November: This was our first focus week of the school year. Congratulations to Alexandra Y4 and Ariella Rec who received WHS vouchers in the draw for all the children who were in school and on time.

### **AUTUMN TERM ATTENDANCE**

Well done to all those children who attended school everyday during the whole of the Autumn Term 2019. Please see attached '100% Attendance Roll of Honour'.

### **AUTUMN TERM 2 'GOOD TO BE GREEN'**

Well done to all those children who were 'GREEN' throughout the autumn term. Please see the attached 'Good to Be Green' sheet. Each child will be given a GTBG pencil, badge and will be rewarded with a Disco. I am very proud of all the pupils who are keeping our school rules and always try their best - WELL DONE 😊

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Thank you to those family members and friends who attended the Foundation Stage Nativity, KS1 Nativity Play or the KS2 Christmas Carol Service during the last week of term. We hope you agree that they were all excellent and enjoyable performances and well worth all the hard work from both the children and staff.

## RECEPTION ADMISSION 2020

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 is the final closing date for School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service acceptance of preference forms and online applications or change of preferences through moving address etc. All applications will be acknowledged in writing. Applications received after this date will be treated in accordance with the procedure for late applications.

## LEARNING AT ST EDMUNDS

In our Building the Kingdom curriculum we have now started a new theme - 'Options for the Poor and Vulnerable'. The children have all been considering this in their immersion days last week and in our assemblies. We have been learning that God invites us to care in a special way for those who are most in need. Also that Jesus models this for us by spending time with the sick and those who are rejected by society.

## INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend their child's INSPIRE workshop during the last half-term. The evaluations we received from parents were very positive about the whole experience. This term we are focussing on our learning in RE. New dates for this term are:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am - Y4  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am - Nursery  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm - Y2  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm - Y3  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: 2.00pm - Y1  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm - Y5  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm - Y6  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm - Reception

## SWIMMING

Swimming has started for Years 3 and 5 and will continue for the rest of the half term. Children will need a swimming kit (one-piece costume for girls, no below the knee trunks for boys) and a towel. The school places great importance on the teaching of swimming and only illness (or other medical reasons) will be accepted as a reason for missing swimming lessons. A phone call or written note must be sent in to warrant a child missing their swimming lesson.



## MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December we held our musical extravaganza to showcase the talents of the children who are learning the violin, cello, guitar, recorder, sing in the choir, and those in our multicultural music project. It was wonderful to listen to this special performance and appreciate the progress the children have made this term especially Y4 who have only been learning strings for just over 10 weeks. Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to attend.

## OUT AND ABOUT IN DECEMBER

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Nursery and Reception enjoyed their trip to the Sealife centre to meet Santa and his friends.  
On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December Y3 performed with Choral outreach at St Chad's Cathedral in a wonderful service.  
On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December children from KS2 represented the school as a choir at the Caritas Christi Catholic School Carol Service at St. Chad's Cathedral. All the children sang beautifully and were a credit to the school. Y3 and Y4 had a very informative visit to Harvington Hall learning about the Catholic History and links with Tudor times. They also represented our school very well at the 'Sunrise Old People's home' where they met with the residents and sang carols for them.

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to all those who supported this year's raffle by buying tickets. The following lucky people won a prize:

Lydia the scooter, Bittania the Glow Tracks and Maria the Art Set.

## ST EDMUND'S CHRISTMAS FUNDAY

This was a lovely day starting with our Christmas lunch and followed by a range of craft activities.

Thank you to Y6 who ran the stalls in the hall and the raffle.

We raised £400

These were the lucky winners in our raffle  
Jaiden Y6, Avnit Y6, Harvey Nursery, Neveah Y6, Sienna Y6 and Halimah Y1.

## BAD WEATHER

In the event of heavy snow over the next month please listen to the local radio stations and check their websites to find out if the school is closed. **However, the School will endeavour to make early contact using our text messaging service. Hopefully we have everyone's up-to-date number!!!**



## WINTER CLOTHES

It is good to see most of the children wrapped up with coats, scarves and gloves as our playground is very exposed in cold weather. **Please make sure items are named!** Quite a few children have the same or very similar coats and this causes a problem when coats are not labelled. Also we understand that in poor weather the children may wear wellingtons or other types of boots but please provide a pair of shoes to change into at school as wellies and boots are not suitable to wear around school all day and are causing children to trip over.

## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

As you are aware Y5 pupils are going on a residential to Colomendy, Kingswood, North Wales. A reminder that the next instalment of £15 is now due.