



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Newsletter 16

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents,
Happy New Year!

This is a Jubilee Year. On Christmas Eve His Holiness Pope Francis set the Jubilee in motion by opening the Great Door of St Peter's Basilica. On Tuesday we talked about the importance of taking a full part in the Jubilee as part of our Catholic Mission. The theme of the year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

There is a Headteacher's blog (found in the Junior School Information tab) on our website that gives more details to parents and carers about the Jubilee.

Please click on the link below to view some excellent resources from CAFOD that direct to prayers for the Jubilee:

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-prayers>

On Thursday in assembly we studied the Jubilee icon, created by Ethiopian artist Mulugeta Araya. You can find out more about the icon and how it was blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/uk-news/jubilee-icon-blessed>

Fundraising – showing our commitment to Caritas

The Christmas celebrations in school were joyous, and parents and carers showed their generosity by helping with fundraising and supporting our sale of refreshments.

We sent a cheque off for £344.10 today to Mustardseed Junior School in Uganda to support their important work for the disadvantaged in their community

www.mustardseedschools.com

We also raised £125.24 at the Carol Concert, which has been sent to the Catholic Children's Society.

www.cathchild.org.uk/

Thank-you to everyone for being so caring and generous.

Sarah Jones MP

This morning we were pleased to welcome Sarah Jones, our MP for Croydon West, who came into school to meet our School Council. The council members had the opportunity to talk to her and ask questions on a range of subjects that are important to us in school. They will be providing feedback for everyone next week.

Spring Term 2025

Homework Club has re-started each evening after school, and please remember to book places by the preceding Sunday so that we can be sure of numbers of staff needed.

Mr Chappell was delighted with the response from our football squad members when they had their first practice of the new term on Tuesday afternoon. These sessions will continue unless parents are informed in the event of very icy weather.

Unfortunately, we have had to replace piping work in the swimming pool plant room this week, which has meant that swimming has been curtailed. We hope that everything will be ready for next week.

'Aspire not to have more but to be more'



Another reason to choose us.



Chinese New Year – Special Menu

Our colleagues from Nourish, who are in charge of the food at lunchtimes, would like parents and carers to know that there will be a special menu to celebrate Chinese New Year on Thursday 16th January. The menu will be sent as an attachment with this newsletter.

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Anisia in 3A, Daniella in 3E, Gemma in 4D, Anushik in 4T, Christina in 5B, Sophia in 5C, Chidiuto in 6G and Ryan in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Ewuraba in 6P. The kindness award goes to Osanna in 6G.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald
Headteacher

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

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