

## Headteacher's Update – 6.12.24

Dear Parents

### Paper Chain Challenge

On behalf of the pupils promoting the paper chain challenge, I would like to thank you for your support so far. The chain is already making its way along one wall of the hall, so we will see if we can get it to go all the way around by the end of term.



### Poppy Appeal

Thank you also on behalf of the British Legion who have let us know we raised £470.53 during the poppy appeal.

### PTA Thank you/Christmas Bazaar

A huge thank you goes to the PTA who have been helping stock up RE resources throughout the school. This meant that this week, being the start of Advent, every class have been given a crib to be kept on their prayer tables. It is such a special time of the year and these cribs have really brought our prayer tables alive. The children have loved looking at them and talking about them, and they have helped remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. We will keep you updated throughout the year of other resources being bought.



Another thank you – this time to everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar and to everyone who came along and spent their money. I particularly loved seeing the look on the children's faces as they chatted to Father Christmas in his grotto. All money raised goes to the benefit of your children and I have been told the initial amount raised is in the region of £900 profit, which is amazing.

### **PTA Raffle**

The PTA will be arranging a small raffle to take place during the Reception and KS1 performances. If you would like to purchase tickets they will cost £1 a strip and winners will be drawn at the end of the plays as the children head back to class to get changed.

### **Rock Climbing Opportunity**

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 children were lucky enough to go to Sir Henry Floyd Grammar school on Monday to experience a session on their rock climbing wall. They had a great time learning a new skill and were a credit to us with their behaviour and enthusiasm.

### **Year 3 Workshop**

Yesterday, the children in Year 3 had an exciting day during their 'Back in Time' workshop! As they arrived at school, they kicked off the fun with some Stone Age colouring, which got everyone into the spirit of things. Throughout the day, they learned fascinating facts about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age, expanding their knowledge of history. The highlight was being able to hold real artefacts, making the past come alive. The children created wonderful memories of their journey back in time!



### **School uniform supplier**

We have had a request from our school uniform supplier, PL Schoolwear, to contact them directly on the following email address if you have any questions, queries or complaints so that they can respond directly to you: [ian@theprintlab.co.uk](mailto:ian@theprintlab.co.uk). Thank you.

### **Nativity Plays and Assemblies**

Rehearsals are in full swing across the school for the nativity and Christmas celebrations we will be sharing with you soon. Please make sure you have ordered your tickets for Reception and KS1 shows.

The Key Stage 2 classes will be sharing their festive assemblies with you in the last week of term – please check the calendar or previous update for dates and times. It is important to note, that although these events are not ticketed, **only two adults per child** will be able to attend due to the fire regulations in regard to the size of the hall. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

We look forward to welcoming you all to help us prepare for and celebrate Christmas.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Machin



## Learning at St Louis

### Nursery

**We have been learning:** about our body parts through physical actions, such as stretching.  
**You can help at home by:** discussing how wonderful their unique, God-given bodies are.

### Reception

**We have been learning:** about Advent. We know that Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas.  
**You can help at home by:** talking to your child about what you are doing to get ready for Christmas.

### Year 1

**We have been learning:** about position and direction in maths.  
**You can help at home by:** making a treasure map for your child with instructions.

### Year 2

**We have been learning:** about a significant person from history- Mary Seacole.  
**You can help at home by:** talking to your child about why Mary is remembered and how she had a significant impact on people's lives.

### Year 3

**We have been learning:** about shadow formation.  
**You can help at home by:** asking your child how shadows are formed.

### Year 4

**We have been learning:** songs for our assembly to parents for Christmas.  
**You can help at home by:** asking which songs we are going to be singing and a short rendition.

### Year 5

**We have been learning:** about Hadrian's Wall in history.  
**You can help at home by:** asking your child what they found out through their research.

### Year 6

**We have been learning:** about VE day.  
**You can help at home by:** asking your child what VE day commemorates and how it was celebrated.