

Headteacher's Update – 17.1.25

Dear Parents,

Thankfully, the recent ice and frost seems to have thawed and it feels more like a typical January which makes it more fun for the children to play outside. On that note...

Board Games and Fancy Dress Request – can you help?

Are you thinking about having a clear out after Christmas? Do your children own games they no longer play with? Then you may be able to help.

We are looking to enhance the playtime experience for KS1 and would like to develop the area outside Class 2S to create a games space where children can have a quiet time colouring/ drawing and playing a range of board games. This will also allow more space for football and other more physical activities on the main KS1 playground.



In order for this plan to become reality, we would really appreciate any donations of good quality, complete board games, card games or jigsaws eg Dobble, Uno, snakes and ladders, buckaroo, Jenga... as well as any dressing up clothes (maybe left over from past World Book Days) that no longer fit your child or you no longer need.

If you are able to help, then children can give their donations to their class teacher or you can bring them to the office.

Thank you so much if you are able to help.

Equality Award

We were delighted to be recognised for providing opportunities through our girls' football team. Thank you to Mr Wassell for making this happen and well done to all the girls who take part. We know there are lots of benefits to girls (and boys) playing sports such as being active, working as a team and getting fresh air, so we hope your love of sport will continue as you grow up.



Local
for families

Support

On our school website on the 'parents' page, you will now see a 'local support' tab. This page will contain posters and information for some local support groups for families. The school does not manage any bookings of these groups or sessions so if you require any support please make contact via the details on the posters. We will update this page with any new posters we get sent from the borough throughout the year so please do take a look.



Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

This year marks the start of a Jubilee year in the Catholic Church, which happens every 25 years. Pope Francis officially started the Jubilee year on Christmas Eve when he opened the Holy doors in 4 basilicas in Rome. These holy doors are only opened during Jubilee years or other occasions that the Pope deems special enough.

The Pope has decided that the theme for this year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The children have been learning about this in their assemblies this week, discussing what it means to be pilgrims and how we can bring hope into ours and others lives.

The official launch day for the schools to start celebrating the Jubilee year is next Friday (24th January). The children will be having more assemblies about this special jubilee year, watching a national assembly created by CAFOD, receiving class Jubilee journey maps which sets challenges for the year, helping put Jubilee displays together for the school, planning things we can do throughout the year to show how we are all pilgrims of hope, linking this to our Catholic social teaching and many more things.

Please keep your eyes peeled in these updates to see things that are happening!

Reminder of Nursery Open Day – 30th January

Just a reminder of our upcoming Nursery Open Day. Please come along if you are thinking about a place for your child or spread the word to other families who may be interested. See the pop-up box and under the Nursery tab on our website for more information, including how to apply.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis
Nursery



We have been learning: about buses and different vehicles on the road.

You can help at home by: singing 'The Wheels on the Bus' nursery rhyme with your child.

Reception

We have been learning: some facts about different animals from the story of Tanka Tanka Skunk.

You can help at home by: helping your child to find different facts about their favourite animal.

Year 1

We have been learning: about what type of house we live in and if we live in a village, town or city.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about where they live and going on a walk to identify different types of houses.

Year 2

We have been learning: about compass directions.

You can help at home by: finding out which way is North, East, South and West from your home.

Year 3

We have been learning: about the feast days dedicated to Mary.

You can help at home by: asking your child which feast day your child chose to write about.

Year 4

We have been learning: about our local Parish and the different roles each person plays.

You can help at home by: asking your child which role they picked and why.

Year 5

We have been learning: about decimals in maths.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the methods used when adding and subtracting decimals.

Year 6

We have been learning: about persuasive speech linked to our text - 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret'.

You can help at home by: asking what your child included in their persuasive speech.