

Headteacher's Update – 01.12-23

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are into December and what a busy time it is at school. EYFS and KS1 are busy practising for their Nativities and KS2 are working on their Christingle and Advent services. Please remember to complete the google form in order to get your tickets for the EYFS and KS1 nativities. Tickets will be sent out next week for those that have ordered them. The Y5/6 Advent service will be happening next Wednesday morning (6th December) at 10am at St Clare's church. The church always has its live stream online so feel free to join us online so you can follow along. Please use this link if you are available:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/aylesbury>

CAFOD National Assembly for Advent

This week all classes watched CAFOD's national assembly for Advent. This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent meaning a new year in the liturgical calendar. The national assembly helped remind us all of the real meaning and message behind Christmas and asked us how we can put love into action this Christmas. The children shared many lovely ideas of things they could do this Christmas to help and support others less fortunate than ourselves. We are looking forward to our Gospel assembly on Monday where we will be able to light the first purple candle on our advent wreath.



Year 2 visit to St Michaels

This week 2L were invited to a sports festival at St Michael's secondary school. They had a great morning completing many different activities and loved visiting the school. Miss Sitkowski was very impressed that they also managed to walk there and back! We are hoping more festivals will be happening soon so that 2S will have a chance to visit.

Poppy Appeal

It was lovely to receive a note from the Poppy Appeal to thank us for raising a total of £316.28. They are very appreciative of our money and how it can now be used to help with vital welfare and benevolent work.



Pupil News

Congratulations to Leanne in 5L who has passed her piano grade 1 exam with distinction- what a great achievement.

Also, congratulations to Samantha in 5L, who won her first medal, a bronze medal, for the 50 meters breast stroke swimming competition. She competed against swimmers from Bourne End, Barramundi Didcot, Aylesbury, Thame and Tring (BBATT) and was held in Aqua Vale, Aylesbury.



PTA Mufti Day

Thank you to all the children who contributed to our Mufti day today by donating sweets, drinks, prizes. Our PTA work very hard to raise money for our school and our children and I know how much they appreciate you supporting their events.

PTA Christmas Bazaar and Carol Concert

The Christmas bazaar will be held after the carol concert on Monday 18th December on the front playground.

Although it will be key stage 2 signing the carols they have learnt for their Christmas services, we have decided to extend the invite to all parents in the school. If you have a child in key stage 1 or EYFS, you will be able to pick your child up at 2:30pm on this Monday so that you can join the carol singing on the front playground which is due to start at 2:40. You will then be able to take part in the PTA bazaar afterwards. If you are unable to pick your child up early on this day, they will still join the carol singing but stay with the adults in their class. You will then collect them from their classroom door at the normal time of 3:10.



Netball

Congratulations to the netball team who won 3-1 against St Mary's this week. Miss Perry said they worked really well as a team and represented our school well. Thank you to parents who helped get the children to the match.



Autism workshop for parents

Mrs Roberts, our SENDCo, is holding a coffee morning on Monday 11th December (8.45 – 10am) and Stella Varley (the school's attached specialist teacher for autism) will be speaking. If you are interested in knowing a little more about autism then please join us for a cup of coffee and a mince pie. Please let Mrs Roberts know if you would like to attend by emailing her at sen@stlouisrcc.bucks.sch.uk

Friday 8th December- St Louis Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day

Next Friday your child is invited to wear a Christmas jumper, top or shirt over their school uniform for the day. There will be Christmas lunch on this day for those that have booked. It is always a lovely day in school and helps get us in the festive mood!

Have a great weekend

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: about the number sequence and to know which numbers are higher or lower than others.

You can help at home by: finding 2 different numbers and asking your child which number is higher and lower.

Year 1

We have been learning: about how to describe position and turns.

You can help at home by: talking about things at home that are above, below, to the left and right. You can also practice doing half turns and whole turns.

Year 2

We have been learning: how to tell the time in 5-minute intervals on an analogue clock.

You can help at home by: practising reading the time with your child.

Year 3

We have been learning: about roundhouses and hillforts in the Iron Age.

You can help at home by: asking your child what they used to build the different parts of a roundhouse.

Year 4

We have been learning: how to make torches making a circuit.

You can help at home by: asking what components make up a circuit and their uses.

Year 5

We have been learning: about the Advent Wreath.

You can help at home by: asking your child what each candle represents.

Year 6

We have been learning: to write newspaper reports about WW2 evacuation.

You can help at home by: asking your child about their newspaper report.