

Headteacher's Update 12.1.24

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and holy Christmas.

Epiphany and New Year mass

We were delighted to welcome Canon John to celebrate mass with us on Wednesday. We took the opportunity to draw to a close our Christmas celebrations with a mass for Epiphany, when the wise men reached the manger in Bethlehem to present their gifts to the baby Jesus. As always, the liturgy team read beautifully and carried out their roles sensibly and proudly. Everyone sang so well. Indeed, Fr John commented that they sang with 'verve' and challenged the children to be able to tell him what this word means next time he comes to visit. If you would like to discuss the definition with your child, that would help us to impress him!

Opportunity to train to become a teacher

If you believe you have what it takes to become a teacher, then please see the attached flyer advertising events across our Trust of schools giving you all the information you need. Our local event will be at St Michael's Secondary School, Aylesbury on 24th January from 9.30-11.30am. Please register your interest if you'd like to attend using the QR code on the flyer.

Love Christmas Campaign – thank you

I was overwhelmed by the generous donations you were able to make to the Love Christmas campaign we supported. I am including a thank you from the charity, Caritas, who ran the event so you can understand the impact of your kindness:

Many, many thanks!! Our Love Christmas campaign was a tremendous success again this year due to all the wonderful donations, help, support, and prayers that meant we were able to share God's love for us with so many who are in real need, poverty and isolation. Thanks to the support of so many schools we were able to donate 1200+ gift bags supporting over 3000 individuals this Christmas. We were able to support families with young children, the elderly, the lonely and isolated, young carers, children from broken homes, children in care, young people leaving the care system, refugees, the homeless, and victims of domestic abuse. So, thank you to all those involved for all your love, kindness, and generosity for those in need. Pictures and details will be uploaded to the diocesan website <https://northamptondiocese.org/lovechristmas>

Dates for your diary/ term dates for 2024-25

We appreciate how everyone with busy lives likes to be able to plan ahead. We are currently working on the 'dates for your diary' for this term which will be sent out next week. We do our best to give you accurate information that doesn't get changed, which is why it takes a little time to confirm. However, please bear in mind that sometimes dates/ times may be subject to change and if that is the case we will try and give you as much notice as possible.

I know some of you are asking about term dates for next year. These need to be approved by governors, and once they have been I will share them with you. The next governor meeting will be in March. This is still much earlier than term dates were sent out historically.

Cold weather/ snow closures

We are currently experiencing a spell of very cold weather, so it is worth reminding you of the procedures in place should we ever need to close due to snow. We will always try our best to open, but there may be occasions when it is not safe, or where staff are unable to travel to work. In the event of a school closure, please do not phone the school, we will advise you by email and you can also check Bucks county website for school closures (just remember to keep refreshing it as information is constantly updated). We will aim to have the information available as early as we can so you can plan ahead.

Please wrap up warm if you are out and about this weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis
Reception



We have been learning: to be more independent by putting on our coats and doing the zips up.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to do their zips by themselves.

Year 1

We have been learning: about different people that help us at school.

You can help at home by: discussing people that help your child at home and how they help them.

Year 2

We have been learning: about North, East, South and West and how to use a compass.

You can help at home by: using a compass to see where North is from your house.

Year 3

We have been learning: about Ancient Egyptian jewellery in DT.

You can help at home by: asking your child why did they wear jewellery?

Year 4

We have been learning: about sound waves and how they travel.

You can help at home by: asking your child how sound travels and how humans hear.

Year 5

We have been learning: about South America.

You can help at home by: asking your child which countries make up South America and any facts they have learnt about the continent.

Year 6

We have been learning: about lines of longitude and latitude in geography.

You can help at home by: asking your child to name a specific line of longitude and/or latitude.