

Headteacher's Update – 24.11.23

Dear Parents,

Bed time stories

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you to the bedtime story sessions this week. We love to see the children dressed in their pyjamas, with their cuddly toys and favourite book, enjoying the cosy atmosphere created in the classrooms. We hope you had a good time if you were able to join us.



PSHE lessons

We are now underway with teaching our new PSHE scheme, Life to the Full Plus. Thank you to all those who responded to the consultation, we are pleased that you are so supportive of the programme. If you ever want to know more about what the children learn in PSHE then you can follow the link to the parent portal on our website. This can be found under key information/ curriculum/ PSHE. The password is Green_2023

Staff News

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Fleet has had a baby boy this week. His name is Leo and we send our best wishes to the family at this special time.

Advanced notice about Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity Plays

December is nearly upon us and it will soon be time to celebrate Christmas with our Nativity plays. Unfortunately our hall is of limited size and so in order to adhere to fire regulations we are limited to the number of people we can have in the hall at one time. For this reason the plays will be **ticketed events and you WILL NOT be able to enter without a ticket for the correct performance**. Tickets are limited to two per family and will be sent home with your child in their book bag. We will be **sending out a Google Form today** for you to state which performance you would like to attend and will do our best to meet your requests. Please check the Google Form for the finalised dates and times of performances. **Tickets will be**

allocated once you have completed the Google Form. Please do not bring younger siblings unless you are using one of your allocated tickets for them.

In the same way as for our recent Buddy assembly, **videos and photos will not be permitted to be taken by you** as you do not have the permission of all parents. It is important that we respect decisions made by parents, as there can be very good reasons for them. So that you still get a keepsake photo, we will take our own individual photos before the performance and email a photo of your child directly to you. Thank you for your understanding.

KS2 Christmas services

Year 3 and Year 4 will be holding a Christingle service, whilst Year 5 and Year 6 will be celebrating at St Clare's Church. You are already aware of the restrictions in school to how many people can be in the hall, but we were hoping to invite parents to join us at the church. However, when we contacted Canon John he has the same restrictions on numbers we face, and so can only accommodate our pupils and staff.

As we are really keen to include you in our celebrations, we will be holding a carol concert outside on 18th December in a similar way to last year. This will be followed by the open air fete organised by the PTA which should make sure we all end the day in a festive spirit. We will send out more details closer to the event.

DIOCESAN LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN NEED

Like last year, we will be joining in this campaign of kindness and generosity by collecting donations of much needed gifts to put smiles on the faces of young families, children and the elderly living in isolation or poverty, as well as young people leaving the care system or living alone and young carers who do so much all year round for others and have little time to actually be a child.

We are asking for donations of gift bags. The gift bags could include a range of small items such as selection boxes, small toys, books, games, puzzles, shortbread, biscuits, sweets or chocolate, clothing such as scarfs, hats, gloves, games that can be played as a family, make up, nail varnish, hand cream and other treats, with the goal of both helping each recipient to feel the warmth of human connection and the joy of Christmas and to know that someone is thinking of them and cares for them.

Please bring in your donations by Friday 15th December.

We know how generously you supported this campaign last year, but we also fully understand that not everyone will be able to participate. Please only donate if you are in a position to do so.

Message from the Children's Commissioner - Dame Rachel De Souza

It is really important that the pupils at St Louis Catholic Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say. Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition . Further resources are available on our [website](#).

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Buckinghamshire are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and

promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Please support your child to complete this survey if you can.

Best wishes,

Mrs Machin

Road Safety Week





Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: how to blend sounds together to be able to read a word.

You can help at home by: asking your child to say the sounds in cvc words and blend them together to read the word e.g. cat, mat, red, net, dog.

Year 1

We have been learning: about toys older than our own.

You can help at home by: sharing pictures and talking to your child about toys you liked to play with during your childhood. You could even encourage them to ask their grandparents/other family members.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$

You can help at home by: asking your child to find a fraction of a shape or amount.

Year 3

We have been learning: to use speech marks (inverted commas) in our writing, to show when a character is talking.

You can help at home by: identifying speech marks in books and talking about what the characters are saying and how they say it.

Year 4

We have been learning: about non-chronological reports and what features they included.

You can help at home by: asking your child what they wrote about and what facts they learnt.

Year 5

We have been learning: about some of the reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire.

You can help at home by: asking your child which reason they think had the greatest impact.

Year 6

We have been learning: how to round decimals in maths.

You can help at home by: asking what to do when rounding a decimal to the nearest tenth.