



St Saviours Newsletter

Monday 3rd December 2018



Dear Parent/Carer and Governors,

This year, Advent begins on Sunday, 2nd December as this is the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. In our assemblies, we will be discussing Advent (from the Latin word "adventus", which translates as 'coming' or 'arrival'), which marks the waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus, and children will reflect on the importance and spirituality of this season.

As we reach December, there's no denying that Christmas is in the air. Walking around the school, I can hear the children in Year 1 and 2 rehearsing for the Nativity which will be Thursday, 13th December; Reception practising for their carol service on Monday, 17th December; and our Christmas tree has gone up in the hall. We are still on the lookout for someone to be Father Christmas in Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair next week. If you know anyone who can do this (or can be persuaded to do this) for a couple of hours on a Friday afternoon, do please let the office know. We are also looking for volunteers to run other stalls so please let us know if you are available on that day.

On a different note, it has come to my attention that there have been a number of incidents happening on Markhouse Road and I know how this can impact on journeys to and from school. However, I am also concerned about the safety of children, particularly

regarding the cycle path, and would like to remind everyone to be extra vigilant and keep safe. If there are any concerns, please let us know and these can be passed on to the Local Authority. A polite reminder also that cars should not be stopping or parking in the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, the number of children arriving at school has been reduced and the morning bagel has been very popular. Could I ask that if your child is absent from school that you let the school office know as soon as possible. The final few weeks at school this term are just as important as the beginning of the term and so it is so important your child is in school.

Whole School Attendance and punctuality

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week the attendance was 95.45%. Keep it up!

Attendance Award for 100%
Week ending 30th November 2018:
Year 4 Birch

Line of the week: Yr 3 Willow

Lateness Award for 100%
being on time
Week ending 30th November 2018:
YR Birch, Y1 Willow, Y4 Oak, Y6 Birch

Our assembly theme this week links with our school Christian value of:

Respect:

'Value everyone's contribution and treat everyone with respect.'

Michelle Obama

Have a great week.

God bless

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Kerry Munden Kate Dingle Julie Tolliday
Headteacher DHT DHT

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day



Wear your festive jumpers to school!

Christmas Dinner

Payment is needed this week for any children that usually have a pack lunch to request Christmas dinner on Friday 14th December.

Christmas Fair: 3.30-5pm

Don't forget to come along and support the school – there is parking available at Kelmscott Leisure Centre.

Christmas Panto

Hurricane Productions will be with us on Tuesday 11th December to present

'Peter Pan' to children in Y1 -Y6.

A cost of £2 has been added to Parentpay.



A week in review



Learning in Year 5

This week in year 5 we have enjoyed learning about capacity and volume. In DT we looked at different cam mechanisms and have begun to design our own toy. We have also been learning about food webs and food chains in science.

Learning in Reception

We are having lots of fun listening to our new story of the week, "The Jolly Postman". The boys and girls are looking forward to our school trip to the library this week. We will have a special story session as well as a craft workshop to decorate Christmas cards to send home to our families.

Learning in Year 6

In Year 6 last week, pupils had the opportunity to explore chemical compounds in Science and represented these using plasticine models. They used the periodic table to identify the different elements which make up different compounds and explored the most common uses of these.

Pupils enjoyed reading a bit more of 'The Hobbit' and learnt various report writing skills in order to write a non-chronological report about dragons. We look forward to reading the final product this Friday.

Learning in Year 1

In Year 1 Willow we have been learning about fractions in Maths.

For Big Write we have been creating our own stories about Traction Man, the superhero.

In RE we have been learning about gifts and giving, as Christmas approaches we have also been rehearsing our Christmas songs and our Christmas play.

In Science, we have been exploring materials and this week we have learnt about the properties of water and ice.



Girls Football Tournament

Results from Friday's tournament between St Saviour's and St Mary's were 2:0 to St Saviours. It was cold and very muddy but a great game was played by both sides. It was very friendly and the girls did well to get amongst it in the mud. Well done girls – we are very proud of you all!

Learning in Year 4

Last week the favourite thing that happened in Year 4 Oak was that Miss McLean bought a class hamster which was a baby girl. The hamster's name is Betty. Miss McLean bought a house for her in the cage and it also had a bed. We learnt that hamsters store food in their chubby cheeks and put it in their homes until winter. Our hamster is a Russian Dwarf hamster.





Christmas Fair

Date: 14th December 2018

Time: 3.30pm – 5pm

Venue: St Saviour's School Hall

Come and join in the fun and games, sample some mince pies, have a go at winning on the tombola, try your luck in the Christmas raffle and if you've been good, you may even get a present from Santa!

Key Dates for Autumn 2

Saturday 8 th December	Saturday Plus School Y6 Achievement
Tuesday 11 th December	Reception 2019 open session – 10AM
Thursday 13 th December	Christingle/Nativity – school hall at 4pm
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Fair – School Hall Christmas Lunch in school Christmas jumper day
Saturday 15 th December	Saturday Plus School Y6 Achievement
Thursday 20 th December	School closes at 2pm for Christmas Break Children return on Tuesday 8th January

St Saviour's Term Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

First Half (32 Days)

INSET – Monday 3rd September, Tuesday 4th September 2018

Start – Wednesday 5th September 2018

End – Thursday 18th October 2018

INSET – Friday 19th October 2018

Half Term: Monday 22nd October 2018 - Friday 26th October 2018

Second Half (39 Days)

Start – Monday 29th October 2018

End – Thursday 20th December 2018

Holidays: Friday 21st December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2018

Spring Term 2019

First Half (29 Days)

INSET – Monday 7th January 2019

Start – Tuesday 8th January 2019

End - Friday 15th February 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February 2019 – Friday 22nd February 2019

Second Half (30 Days)

Start - Monday 25th February 2019

End – Friday 5th April 2019

Holidays: Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April 2019

Summer Term 2019

First Half (23 Days)

Start – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

End - Friday 24th May 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 - Friday 31st May 2019

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2019 (during Half Term)

Second Half (37 Days)

Start - Monday 3rd June 2019

End – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

This calendar gives a total of 195 (190 pupil days plus 4 inset days – Staff to work twilight sessions to make up 1 inset day).