



Saint Mary's R.C. Primary School

EFYS Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

Challenge

Each week we set a challenge for your child. This is an opportunity for you to support your child in their learning and for you to find out about what we do in school. Please complete the challenge each week as the children feel left out if their friends have done it and they haven't! All challenges need to be in school no later than the Thursday.

FS1 & FS2

We would like the children to make a hat to wear on Wednesday 13th December for our Christmas dinner. Be as creative as you like! The children can come to school on Wednesday 13th wearing their hat.

Please keep them at home until then as we have nowhere to store them!

Class Names

FS1 (Mrs Openshaw's class) are called the **Sparrows**
FS2G (Mrs Gerrard's class) are called the **Wrens**
FS2M (Mrs Morton's class) are called the **Robins**

Newsletter Colours

Anything in black writing is applicable to both FS1 (Nursery) children and FS2 (Reception) children.

Anything in **red** is for **FS1 children/ parents**.

Anything in **blue** is for **FS2 children/ parents**.

Times

FS1 times are: 8.45-8.55 am (for morning children and full timers) 11.45 am finish for morning children. Afternoon start is 12pm. All children finish at 3.00 pm. Please be on time at the beginning and end of the day. **FS2 times are:** 8.45-55am start and 3.00 pm finish. Please be on time at the beginning and end of the day.

Topic- FS1

In Phonics we have been playing blending games with Metal Mike, which the children have all really enjoyed.

We have been practicing our Christmas songs, please continue to support your child to sing 'Rudolph the red nosed reindeer' along with the actions,

Topic- FS2

We have been talking about celebrations and the importance of a birthday, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. In class, the children discussed what happens when it is your birthday and what we are celebrating. We decorated a cake as we celebrated Snuggles and Robin's (our class teddies) birthdays.

CHILDREN WHO LEARN AND KNOW RHYMES ARE BETTER COMMUNICATORS, READERS AND WRITERS, THAN THOSE WHO DON'T!

FS1 Weekly Vocabulary

Please try to use this vocabulary with your children.

Topic Vocab: Christmas, Baby Jesus, Nativity, stable, manger

Maths vocab: count, touch, altogether, 1 2 3 4 5

This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories
Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

Rhymes/poems and songs: Christmas songs

Stories: Christmas stories

FS2 Weekly Vocabulary

Please try to use this vocabulary with your children.

Topic Vocab: Christmas, Baby Jesus, Nativity, celebration, birthdays, cake, candles, presents, party

Maths vocab: making 6, counting, , matching, more/less, number stories

This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories
Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

Rhymes/Poems and songs: God loves me, Gather together, Jesus love is very wonderful, heads shoulders knees and toes, 1 2 3 4 5 fish alive

Stories: Topsy and Tim's birthday

Year 6 Reading Ambassadors

The children have been enjoying listening to stories read to them by our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors. They are taken out in small groups and spend time sharing a story together.

Sister Judith

We had a lovely day on Wednesday as part of our Mission statement day with Sister Judith. The children were all involved in completing a new mission statement for our school, using words we thought best described our school and our learning.

Christmas dates

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas dinner
(The children can wear a Christmas jumper/elf outfit for a £1 donation)

Thursday 14th December - FS2 Concert 10am

Friday 15th December - FS1 Concert 10am

Monday 18th December - Magician and party day -
This should have been paid for by Friday 8 December. If you have not yet paid please do so asap because otherwise we are unable to continue this entertainment each year.

Outdoor play

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a hat, gloves and a scarf so they can wrap up warm whilst on outdoor play and at lunchtime.

Concerts

FS2: A reminder that our concert is on Thursday 14th December

FS1: Our concert is on Friday 15th December

Both concerts start at 10am. Please make your way to the main entrance where you will be shown into the hall. Please be on time so that you are seated as we bring the children into the hall and get them on the stage.

Please remember to bring your tickets with you. Tickets should have been purchased but if not you have up until Monday 11th December to buy some.

We will be having a raffle with money going to charity. A strip of tickets cost £1.

