



# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

21st November 2019

Thank you to all the parents who came to our behaviour and phonics information evenings this week. We do hope you found them useful. We are all getting used to using dojo points as rewards and the children certainly enjoyed their Golden time on Friday.

The PTA have also been very busy this week organising the Christmas Fayre. We have a number of different stalls, traditional games and some great raffle prizes all lined up. Hopefully you had your raffle tickets sent home on Wednesday but there will be some available on the door if you want any extras.

This year we are also giving out special Golden Tickets. The children have been randomly selected to receive a ticket which they can exchange for a bag of 20p coins to spend at the fayre. Some of the children have already been given their tickets and we'll give the rest out on Monday.

If you have any time you could help out at the fayre then please let the office know and we can get you on the volunteer schedule. Help is always very much appreciated. Have a good weekend everyone!

Kind Regards, Mrs Lorraine Quirk — Executive Head Teacher

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## CTS PTA XMAS FAYRE

We are very excited about the forth coming CtS Xmas Fayre and appreciate all the donations of chocolates and bottles for our tombola. On Thursday 28th we will be accepting any cake donations either homemade or shop brought. Please can we ask that the cakes do not contain any nut products, as we are a nut free school.

Following feed back from parents santa's grotto will be inside and the waiting area to see santa will also be inside. Please remember to book your time slot to visit santa, which are filling up fast, as time slots are pre bookable only through the CtS Office and not available to book during the xmas fayre.

You should now have received your raffle tickets, please return any sold ticket stubs with money to the CtS Office by Thursday 28th November.

The PTA & CtS thank you for your continuing support.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 26th November-Year 6 Quinta Hall Parents Info Meeting 6pm.
- Friday 29th November-Clover Class Collective Worship.
- ◆ Friday 29th November-Afterschool Xmas Fayre 5pm to 7pm.
- ◆ Friday 6th December-Teasel Class Collective Worship.
- ◆ Friday 6th December-New Parents Open Morning.
- ◆ Thursday 12th December-Foundation Nativity 10am
- ◆ Friday 13th December-Xmas Jumper Day
- ◆ Friday 13th December-Xmas Lunch
- ◆ Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th 2pm -Year 1 & Year 2 Xmas Performance.
- ◆ Thursday 19th December-Yr1/2 Christingle at CtS am.
- ◆ Thursday 19th December-Yr3/4 Christingle walk to church pm.
- ◆ Thursday 19th December—Yr5/6 Carol Concert 6pm.



## CLASS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2019/20

Our attendance bears, Adam and Eve, are awarded each week to the two classes with the best attendance.



For the week ending 15th November, Adam joined Rosehip Class who achieved 99.6% attendance.

Well Done.

## CHAPLAINCY CORNER

Today, Acorn led our worship and inspired us with their knowledge about Asia, their creativity through poetry and their personal stories about showing courage. Thank you, Acorn. We also reflected on the Sikh celebration of Guru Nanak's (550th!) birthday this week.

This week, please pray for Clover as they prepare to lead Collective Worship next Friday.

Please also pray for our newly formed PTA as they busily prepare our Christmas Fayre.

## YEAR 6 PARENTS (& children welcome!)

**Tuesday 26th November 6pm**

All parents are asked to attend an information evening about our Y6 residential trip which is planned for June 2020. Useful and important information will be shared including details of booking procedure. Please attend if you can!



Thank you for all your donations to Children in Need, CtS raised £286.05 towards this worthy cause.

The following children have been in the Golden Book week ending 22.11.19.

## Well Done Everyone

Nursery	Romeu
Poppy	Ellie
Year 1	Max
Year 2	Nissi & Harrison
Year 3	Amelia & Chi Chi
Year 4	Paige & Aaron
Year 5	Anastasia & Mariatu
Year 6	Tom & Ami Marie

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH,**

**DUDLEY HILL, SHENLEY CHURCH END MK5 6LL**  
*part of Watling Valley Partnership*

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Trees decorated by local charities, schools and voluntary groups

**Please come and vote for your favourite tree**

**SATURDAY**  
**30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10am till 4pm**

and

**SUNDAY**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**2pm till 4pm**

**ADMISSION FREE**

Refreshments available

More info on this and all our services can be found on our website:

[www.watlingvalley.org.uk/sms](http://www.watlingvalley.org.uk/sms)



## PRAYER SPACE DAY

Last week we spent two days in prayerful reflection around themes in the Lord's Prayer. We have been hosting these 'prayer space' days for over 6 years now and we are always struck by the power they have to touch children's lives. Rev. Mike has been leading us in a series on The Lord's prayer and it felt a good opportunity to 'dig' out our very first prayer space. Dark tents, sparkly lights, colourful cushions and effervescent fabrics help provide a sensory experience. A few words explain the simple activity at each station: the rest is left to the children and God. As children entered, I reminded them that adults had prayed to invite God to be in each space. They should not be surprised if they found Him there. Looking around, there were children smiling as they blew big bubbles; focused as they stitched marks in to fabric hearts; serious as they drew names in sand; still as they considered perfect places. Every Y3-6 child felt able to take part – a reflection of the inclusive, invitational style of our school. Every child with a care plan for their special needs also fully took part - sometimes coming back for more! . In the final reflection, children are invited to share what it meant to them:

- I prayed for people in my home country
- God has no favourites; he loves all of us.
- When I was colouring the names, I learnt that God is all of those things combined
- I liked the sand- I could wipe things away – I am not held hostage for the wrong things I did.
- Thinking about all this stuff made me realise I need to be a nicer person
- I felt like I was stitching the broken friendships together
- The bubbles made me feel calm...I loved watching them being created.
- Playdough- I could mould something and it could get all the drama out of me.
- I felt: calm...relaxed...happy...free....loved...chilled....peaceful.



Many children could explain how visiting the prayer space had changed their day: one child said, "I did some bad things yesterday and now I feel happier because I have been forgiven." Later that day, the child 'confessed' to me and worked hard to put the 'bad things' right. Grateful thanks to the chaplaincy team and Anne Jones and Pauline Winn - willing, as ever, to help us out.

