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We Grow and Learn with Jesus

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DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

EYFS Nativity Play

On **Monday 2nd December** at 11.00am the Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) will be performing their Nativity Play in the hall and their parents are welcome to attend.

This performance will be crowded and admission will be by ticket only. Two tickets per family will be sent home in advance.

Young children will need to sit on your lap and, if it is possible to have them cared for, it may be sensible not to bring them with you on this occasion.

We also ask that you are considerate to others with your use of photography. Large cameras and lots of flashing lights do distract the children, who have practised hard for this occasion. Taking photographs may also obstruct the view of other parents in the audience who are watching their children. Please remain seated during this performance.

KS1 Nativity Play

The KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity Play will take place on **Thursday 5th December** at 2.30pm and 6.00pm. In the evening **all Year 1 and Year 2** children are expected to return to school by 5.30pm wearing their school uniform.

The evening performance will be crowded and admission will be by ticket only. Two tickets per family will be sent home in advance.

As **all** children in the school, including Reception and Nursery, will have seen the play we ask that you **do not** bring them again to the evening performance. Children below school age should be brought to the afternoon performance and **not** the evening performance. All pushchairs need to be left outside the hall for safety reasons.

NB. Babies and children below the age of 11 will **NOT** be able to attend the evening performance.

Please make sure you organise baby sitters in advance as **all** children who attend our school as well as pre-school children, will be refused admission. It is very upsetting for parents to miss their child's performance because they have not made the appropriate childcare arrangements and also for the staff who have to take this action.

Thank you for your co-operation in this.



Parking

It has been brought to my attention that some parents, parking outside school, leave their engines running for extended periods of time. It is better for everyone's health to avoid putting additional pollution in the air we all breathe.

Please continue to park with consideration for our neighbours.

Punctuality

This term we have had a focus on children who arrive late for school. When this happens children miss the important instructions, for the day ahead, that are given by their class teachers. Many children are persistently late and this appears to be worse on Mondays. Please ensure you allow enough time to get your child to school on time, children in Years 1 to 6 should be here by 8.50am and Reception children by 8.55am.

Congratulations

I received the following letter congratulating our children on their hard work and behaviour. Well done Y5 choir.

Dear Mrs Wilson

I am writing to thank you for participating in the St Cecilia concert at St Albans Cathedral last month.

We are so pleased with the newspaper review saying:

The event was "a triumph on several levels.....Jonathan Dove's Three Seaside Postcards was a complete delight.....the young singers should be congratulated for their remarkable performance"

"Rufus Frowde deserves great praise for his work in training the singers for this truly remarkable performance."

Rufus was delighted with the performance and is most grateful for your support in providing such good singers. He thought they were marvellous.

Please convey out thanks to the singers and also to the staff who looked after them at the rehearsals.

Keetch hospice have sent the enclosed certificate of thanks for your support in raising over £1000.

With best wishes on behalf of the St. Albans St Cecilia Festival Society Committee,

Laurie Hawkins

Congratulations are also due to Melanie our new INCo, who achieved her level 5 Specialist Practitioner Group Intervention award for learners with dyslexia/SpLD.

Christmas Parties

Again this year we are asking parents of Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 children to send in an individual party meal for their own child, rather than a plate of food to share.

Parents of KS2 children will be asked to contribute to a shared buffet as usual.

Further information for all classes will be given by class teachers

Please could I ask all parents to avoid sending in any food which contains nuts as we have children in school who have nut allergies.

Children will be allowed to wear their own clothes to school for their party on Tuesday 17th December

Emergency school closure

The school has registered to a scheme that enables us to contact you directly via text and email in the event of a school closure. In order for this to be possible you need to register your name, phone numbers and email address by following the link below.

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

In the event of a school closure, for example due to severe weather, we will alert you via text and email on the morning of the school closure. This information will also be available on our school website.

We advise you to register as soon as possible.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Reception Lisbon

Arthur McN who achieved Stage 1 of the Learn to Swim awards

Year 1 Lisbon

Harvey A and Alisha Y who achieved the 5m distance award for swimming

Noah L who achieved Stages 2 and 3 of the Duckling award for swimming

Gianni M who achieved the Duckling 4 award for swimming

Dorian P who achieved 8th KUP grading in Taekwondo

George S who achieved Stage 2 of the Learn to Swim awards

Year 1 Padua

Maia L who achieved Level 8 of the British Gymnastics proficiency award

Year 2 Lisbon

Georgeo J who received a certificate for outstanding work in maths

Emily O who achieved Level 6 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards

Lana L who achieved Level 5 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards

Melisha G who achieved Level 3 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards

Year 3 Lisbon

Zayne T who won a Man of the Match football trophy

Luca M who achieved the Water Skills Level 1 swimming award

Year 3 Padua

Hannia R who achieved Level 4 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards

Jodie G who received a Star of the Day certificate for Cheer leading

Matthew C who received a Star of the Day certificate for Street Dance

Year 4 Padua

Danny M who achieved the Student of the Week certificate for karate

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon	2 nd Dec	EYFS Nativity Play at 11.00am
Tues	3 rd Dec	Flu immunisations Rec to Y6 classes
Wed	4 th Dec	Y6 choir carol concert at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm
Thurs	5 th Dec	Y6 Science Masterclass with the University of Hertfordshire KS1 Nativity play. Performances for parents at 2.30pm and 6.00pm
Tues	10 th Dec	Y6 choir carol singing at St. Anthony's Nursing Home
Wed	11 th Dec	EYFS charity day – Wear your Christmas jumper to school
Thurs	12 th Dec	Y6 choir carol singing at River Court Nursing Home
Mon	16 th Dec	Reception parents to view cribs in Practical Room at 3.30pm Y1 classes to visit London Zoo
Tues	17 th Dec	All classes Christmas Parties
Wed	18 th Dec	Y3 classes to visit the British Museum
Thurs	19 th Dec	Lisbon classes' end of term carol assembly at 9.15am
Fri	20th Dec	Padua classes' end of term carol assembly at 9.15am School closes at 2.30pm
Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd Jan		Christmas holidays – school closed
Mon 6th Jan		School resumes
Mon	13 th Jan	Football match v Holywell School at 3.30pm - away
Tues	14 th Jan	Netball match v Lanchester School at 3.30pm - home
Thurs	16 th Jan	Reception parents' information meeting 2 'How your child learns to write' at 7.00pm
Mon	20 th Jan	Rec P and Y5P class mass at 2.30pm – parents invited
Tues	21 st Jan	Nursery parents' information meeting 2 'How children learn to read and Early Maths' at 7.00pm
Thurs	23 rd Jan	KS2 disco for Lisbon classes 7.00-9.00pm
Thurs	30 th Jan	KS2 disco for Padua classes 7.00-9.00pm Y6 Maths Master Class in conjunction with The University of Hertfordshire
Fri	31 st Jan	Y6 Football team visit to WFC training ground in London Colney