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NOVEMBER 2016 – NEWSLETTER

Thank you

Thank you for your generous support for our charities last half term. We raised £461.20 for CAFOD, our Harvest charity and £380.45 for Year 3's charity Diabetes UK. It was good to see so many of you at our three morning Harvest Assemblies.

PFA

We were pleased to see many new parents at our PFA meeting in October. Their next meeting is on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm. You are all very welcome. Please watch out for information regarding forthcoming events.

Book Fair

This was very successful and made £648.00 profit. This will be spent on new library books and Guided Reading group texts.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

There will be an early Parents' Evening on *Wednesday 2nd November* and a late Parents' Evening on *Tuesday 1st November*.

SEN Information Report

Each year all schools are required to review their 'SEN Information for Parents'. Jennie has invited a small group of parents who have an interest in this service to attend a brief meeting. If any other parents are interested and wish to contribute, please contact Jennie by 10th November.

Cleaner required

We currently need a cleaner who is prepared to work two hours each weekday evening in term time, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Advent Retreats

Y3 classes will be going to St. Bede's Church to learn about the Jesse Tree. All Y1 and Y2 classes will have retreat sessions in school. These will support their prayer life in class during Advent.

EYFS Nativity Play

On **Wednesday 30th November** at 11.00am the Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) will be performing 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' 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.

KS1 Nativity Play

The KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity Play 'Born in a Barn' will take place on **Thursday 1st 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.

Building Works

I am very pleased to inform you that we are now in a position to begin the next phase of improvements to St. Anthony's.

The office and administration areas are scheduled to be expanded and improved starting on 9th November. This work will take at least 12 weeks to complete.



When the school started its expansion to two forms of entry in 2012, class rooms, cloak rooms, toilets, group rooms, assembly rooms and dining rooms were all given increased capacity. The only part of the school not to benefit was the school office and administration, who now already serve almost double the number of children and families.

The next phase of improvements will provide a larger school office, Headteacher's office, a new Planning Preparation and Assessment (PPA) room for teachers and a new Main Entrance area. The front of the school building will be modernised all the way across.

Please be considerate to the office staff during what will be a difficult and stressful time ahead. At times, personal access will be extremely difficult. It will therefore be better to telephone with your queries if at all possible.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Year 1 Lisbon

Oscar K who received a football trophy for playing well.

Y1 Padua

Odhran K who achieved Stage 3 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Aleksija W who achieved the ASA Pre School Stage 1 Award for swimming.

Dalia C who won two medals for ballroom dancing.

Teigan C who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Eve M who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Y2 Lisbon

Taylor W who achieved Stage 3 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Nicole F who won the Irish Dancer of the Week trophy.

Lara M who achieved Stage 3 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Year 2 Padua

Tiernan C who achieved his Yellow Belt in a Karate grading.

Michal R who achieved the grade of White/Yellow Belt in Ju Jitsu. He also received a certificate for 'Student of the Month'.

Year 3 Lisbon

Mia I who achieved Stage 6 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Adam W who won a medal for scoring a lot of 'trys' in a rugby tournament.

Year 3 Padua

Gabriella A who achieved Grade 1 of the ASA Water Skills Award.

Robo U who won the 'Parents' Award' trophy for football.

Gian V who achieved a Kumon Maths ASHR Level 2 certificate.

Year 4 Lisbon

Jasmine A who received a certificate for playing her guitar in a Watford School of Music Concert.

Iona E who won a trophy and three medals in an Irish Dancing Feis in Ireland.

Year 4 Padua

Cruz C who won 'Man of the Match' trophy from Sun Sports.

Ruo U who won a 'Player of the Match' trophy from West Herts Youth.

Year 5

Kelly O who passed her Grade 1, Group Drama Exam with distinction and Grade 1 Musical Theatre exam with Merit. She was also awarded 'Performer of the Week' certificates twice.

Year 6

Filip K who achieved the ASA 25m Distance Award for swimming.

Congratulations also to the following children who successfully completed the **Summer Reading Challenge**:

- Nursery** - Emily S
- Year 1 Padua** - Alex C, Samuel B
- Year 2 Lisbon** - Filip S
- Year 2 Padua** - Kacper L, Michal R
- Year 4 Padua** - Rose W.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 31 st Oct	School resumes
Tue 1 st Nov	All Saints. Mass at 10.00am Y3 – Y6. All welcome Late parents' evening 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Wed 2 nd Nov	Early parents' evening 3.40pm – 6.30pm
Tue 8 th Nov	Y6 Interschool Hockey Festival
Thur 10 th Nov	Y6 visit to Bletchley Park
Fri 11 th Nov	Y5 visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to learn more about the 'Saxons' Y6 Maths Masterclass in conjunction with The University of Hertfordshire
Mon 14 th Nov	Y6 Choir Concert rehearsal at St. Mary's School PFA meeting at 7.30pm. All welcome
Mon 14 th -Fri 18 th Nov	On Road Cycle Training for Y5 and Y6
Wed 16 th Nov	Y3 Padua retreat day at St. Bede's Church St. Albans Toy Museum visit for Y1 classes
Wed 23 rd Nov	Y3 Lisbon retreat day at St. Bede's Church
Fri 25th Nov	Occasional Day – school closed
Tue 29 th Nov	Y4 Speed Stacking Competition at Watford Girls' School
Wed 30 th Nov	EYFS Nativity Play 11.00am
Thur 1 st Dec	KS1 Nativity Play 2.30pm and 6.00pm
Tue 6 th Dec	Y1, Y2 and Y3 flu immunisations
Fri 9 th Dec	PFA Christmas Fayre – information to follow
Mon 12 th Dec	Y4 classes visit to Celtic Harmony Camp to learn more about the Stone Age Watford Colosseum Carol Concert at 7.15pm – Y6 choir
Fri 16 th Dec	Y3 classes visit to the British Museum to learn more about Ancient Egypt and Greece
Mon 19 th Dec	All classes Christmas parties – information to follow
Tue 20 th Dec	End of term Carol Assembly for Lisbon classes and Y6. Parents welcome – 9.15am
Wed 21 st Dec	End of term Carol Assembly for Padua classes and Y5. Parents welcome – 9.15am Term ends at 2.30pm
Thur 22nd Dec – Tues 3rd Jan	Christmas holidays
Wed 4th Jan	School resumes

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