

School Newsletter

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the highlights of the week has been our Early Years Christmas performances on Wednesday. We were so proud of our youngest children who sang and spoke beautifully! Many of them are only just 3 years old, but they were superb. Thank you to everyone who came along to support them and to FORCE for serving refreshments. It was also lovely to see local illustrator, and friend of the school, Gill McLean. She is selling her books at our Christmas performances and donating £1 from each book sale to school - Thank you Gill!

In Nursery, the word of the week has been 'excited! The children have been making Christmas cakes and they've been on a jungle safari! In Reception, the children have continued learning about space and found out what a galaxy is. They also had a real treat this afternoon playing different musical instruments. Do ask them all about it.

In Year 1, the children have been visited by the Kindness Elf. They made special thank you cards for our local firefighters and sent them some biscuits. The firefighters were thrilled and sent the children a photo of them with the cards, which is on the blog. What a lovely act of kindness Year 1! The Year 2 children have been busy learning about keeping safe on the internet this week and have also been making chocolates. They smelt delicious and the children assure me they were!

This week the Year 3 and 4 children have had a wonderful time learning Roman games and dying togas in preparation for their Roman Banquet (they are still hoping that Miss Hodges will say yes!). They have also been busy practising some super Christmas songs. Some of the Year 4 children took part in the African Children's Choir concert at Richmond School on Monday night. We were extremely proud of their amazing singing and impeccable behaviour.

In Years 5 and 6, the children have also been getting ready for their Christmas concerts. They are even singing in German, which sounds wonderful! Also, this week the Year 5s and 6s took part in the athletics tournament at Richmond School. As the blog says, the children were absolutely amazing from start to finish... they even secured a 4th place out of 16 schools. What an achievement!

We have also had an amazing end to the week with our FORCE Christmas Fair. It was great to see so many families and friends - The school hall was absolutely packed. There were a whole range of stalls and games and even Santa came to visit too. As always, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who came to help; especially FORCE.

Looking forward to next week, we have our KS1 Nativity on Tuesday and the Mayor's Christmas concert on Wednesday evening.

For day-to-day enquiries please contact the school office or speak to your child(ren)'s class teacher. As you know, I work for our school for 50% of the week and share my time between school sites, so am not always available. Do remember that our Head of School, Miss Hodges, can be contacted on a daily basis if necessary

I do hope that you will be able to join us for some more of our Christmas festivities and look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Kindest regards,

Mrs K. Williamson (this week with Christmas sparkle!)
Executive Headteacher



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More active role models at Trinity Academy Richmond



On Thursday, our years 5 and 6 children took part in an athletics tournament at Richmond School. The children participated in a number of track and field events including: a range of relays, the javelin, speed bounce, chest push and triple jump.



The children were absolutely amazing from start to finish, trying their very hardest in each and every event. We even achieved a 4th place finish out of 16 schools; what a fantastic result.



Well done to everyone involved.



BRING YOUR FAMILY TO OUR 12th NIGHT



- Where? **Community Orchard, top of Orchard Road, Richmond**
- When? **Saturday, 5th January 2019**
- Time? **3.30pm - 5.00pm**
- Parking? **Near the Vets on the Industrial Estate**
- Bring: **Your parents, lanterns, torches, saucepan lids & wooden spoons, your voices, holly & dress up!**



What is a Wassail???

Wassail is an Old English word meaning 'be healthy' or 'be whole'. Wassailing the fruit trees in the orchard is an ancient custom to wake them up from their winter sleep so as to ensure a great crop in the Autumn. Our family wassail will toast a chosen apple tree with an offering of cider poured over its roots, accompanied by as much noise as possible, before sharing the wassail bowls of warmed cider and warmed apple juice.

There will be snacks as well as drinks with all proceeds to

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FUN-KEY CHURCH



The Church of England's Christmas campaign this year is #FollowtheStar.

We at St Mary's are joining in with this by having a star trail around the town.

Starting on the 1st of December there will be 12 stars around the town and 1 In Church, each of the stars will have a letter on.

Those doing the trail will have to find all the letters then work out what it says.

Clue: It is one of the names that Jesus is known by.

Competition forms are available in the church and in all the shops where there is a star. The competition is open for all Children and the prize will be drawn at the 10 am Christmas Morning Service. Just look out for the stars in the windows.... Go on, #followthestar



MRS L ALDERSON PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER

Last week's class attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Total minutes lost in teaching time due to late arrivals
Mrs Stewart	90.5 %	5 minutes
Miss Grainger	96.0 %	5 minutes
Mrs Weighell	96.7 %	0 minutes
Mr Wells	96.7 %	0 minutes
Miss Juden	90.5 %	20 minutes
Mrs Whitaker	95.6 %	5 minutes
Mr McCulloch	97.2 %	0 minutes
Whole School Total	94.8 %	

