

# Newsletter

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Thursday 23rd November 2023

Attendance for week: 95.17%

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

*"Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life"*



## A message from Mrs Thorpe to all our families...

Can you believe that we are nearly beginning Advent? The days and weeks are zooming by, which is testament to how much energy and 'busyness' there is in our school community. This week has been no exception. We were delighted to welcome our friend Rob into school from Alzheimer's UK. Rob led a valuable workshop with our oldest children about how to be a Dementia Friend. This is particularly important to us as we want to help our children to learn in a safe, secure way about Dementia and Alzheimer's and how we can work together to support our families when we are impacted by this heart-breaking disease. We also sometimes include younger children in these workshops, when families share their circumstances. Please just let us know if this is something we can offer you help with in the future. Also this week, we've had Sphere Science workshops in school, providing amazing science enrichment on the theme of space—so much fun for Year 5 and our Football Team have represented our school with pride and skill!



**LIVE THEATRE....** This week we were delighted to welcome M&M Live Theatre Company into school for a stunning performance of Dicken's 'Christmas Carol' that all the children enjoyed. Experiencing live action theatre is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the creative arts and our children were mesmerised by the music, light, costumes, scenery and acting. Parent fundraising from last year's Christmas Fair paid for this show, so please accept my thanks on behalf of the whole school for this magical experience.



**WELL DONE** to Daisy in Year 3 for her debut at the West End! Last weekend, Daisy performed at His Majesty's Theatre in London, in a very special production of the musical "Across the Line". Daisy led in the starring role within her Academy of Performing Arts and we're so proud of her!



## Dates for your diary...



- **Friday 24th November**—INSET day, school closed to pupils
- **Wednesday 29th November**—NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assemblies for the whole school. Workshops to follow in December.
- **Friday 1st December**—Non-uniform Day, Bring A Bottle
- **Friday 8th December**—Whole school Advent Service in the hall at 9.15am, everyone is welcome, please come along for this peaceful start to the beautiful season of Advent.
- **Friday 15th December**—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day, more details will follow .

### Don't Forget....

You can now pre-buy YOUR child's willow sculpture online (scopay) for £2. After next week, any unsold willows will have names removed and we will sell them freely at the Christmas Fair. Please don't forget to pre-order as once names are removed, we won't be able to identify individual children's work.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR! Ho Ho Ho....



Please see the letter from earlier this week about forthcoming Christmas Fair. It's one of the main huge fundraising of our year and this year we are hoping to raise funds to build a sustainable pathway across our school field, perhaps something similar to the path in our sensory garden. This will open up the top playground for easier use during the school day and also give families a safe and dry pathway from the overflow carpark to our playground.

Key Ways YOU can get involved and help us with our fair this year....

- **Donate a bottle on non-uniform day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**
- **Donate cakes for the cake stall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**
- **Donate an item for our Christmas Food and Gift Hampers – all donations appreciated**
- **Donate your time on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9am to help with craft making**
- **Donate your time on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm to help on a stall**
- **Come along and join us at the Fair from 3.15pm**

Year 1 had a GREAT day in Chester visiting The Grosvenor Museum! Thanks to everyone for supporting this day out and ensuring visits like this can go ahead.



Well done to our FOOTBALL TEAM who played so brilliantly this week at the inter-schools tournament. Group 2 Runners up with x4 victories to celebrate!



**FOREST SCHOOL: Next week's Forest School Class is... YEAR 3—30/11/23**

