



# St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th December 2022  
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Go, shine in the  
world and live  
as Jesus lived.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you parents and children for your continued support of St Mary's through this term. It has been lovely to receive your well wishes for Christmas at the beginning and end of the day. This week, children enjoyed eating their Christmas lunch and giving out Christmas cards to each other, as well as enjoying a visiting pantomime performance.

We wish you a peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 3rd January.  
With best wishes, Miss Mitchell (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

## Christmas Pantomime Performance...

On Monday, the children at St Mary's watched a fun and engaging pantomime performance of 'Dick Whittington'. The show was full of twists and turns, as well as many funny jokes which the children enjoyed hugely.



## Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A Infections: Advice from the Department of Education

The Government is closely monitoring the increased cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) and scarlet fever. They are working closely with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), who are leading on the response. UKHSA is reporting an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

### What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

### What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

**If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, parents are advised to contact their GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice. If a child has scarlet fever, advise they stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.**

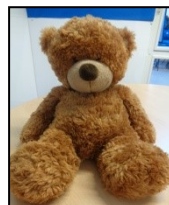
**Parents, please trust your own judgement and if your child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A & E if:**

- Your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or your child's tummy is sucking under their ribs
- There are pauses when your child breathes
- Your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- Your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week.

**The whole class attendance was 96%.** Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school.



Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :)

Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

### Important dates for your diary.....

**Tuesday 3rd January**— Start of Spring term— all pupils back at school



**Monday 9th January** — After-school enrichment clubs start

**Friday 13th January**— 9.05am—Friends of St Mary's meeting

**Friday 27th January** — Non uniform day

**Friday 27th January** — KS1 Movie Afternoon (1.30pm and KS2 Movie Night (3.30pm)

**Monday 13th February-Friday 17th February**—Half Term

**Monday 20th February**— Children back at school

**Thursday 23rd February** — Non uniform day

**Friday 24th February** — Academic Review Day  
parents attend school at their appointment time to meet the teacher and receive their child's report

### Supermarket vouchers for parents

Camden Council are posting supermarket vouchers to families whose children attend Camden schools and are entitled to receive income-assessed free school meals .

Families will be sent £40 per child and those with more than one child will receive multiple vouchers. The vouchers can be used in a variety of supermarkets.

Please note that postal strikes may delay delivery – if you have not received them by 21 December, **please call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).**

### Thinking of buying your child a mobile phone for Christmas?

Read our letter from the Children's Commissioner for England that we sent home in envelopes on Wednesday. It has an important message about social media and mobile phones that might make you think again.



### An important deadline—Tell your friends!

If you or someone you know would like a place in Nursery or Reception class for September 2023 then **applications must be made by 15th January 2023. Do not miss the deadline!**

Applications to Reception must be made through [eadmissions.org.uk](http://eadmissions.org.uk) by 15th January 2023 and a separate school application form handed in. If your child is currently in St Mary's Nursery then **you must still apply**. Please remind other parents about applying for Reception if this applies to their child. Encourage them to name our lovely school!

Applications to Nursery must be made directly to the school by **15th January 2023**.

An admissions policy and application form can be picked up from the school office or on our website [www.stmarykilburn.camden.sch.uk](http://www.stmarykilburn.camden.sch.uk).

Do phone the office on **020 7372 6565** if you have any questions. **We are always happy to help :-)**

### Work of the Week...



Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby.

As part of Reception's learning about celebrations and festivals, Lucien has written some fantastic different pieces of writing about Bonfire Night, Divali, birthdays and Christmas.

Lucien remembered to use his sounds to help him write the words.

Well done, Lucien!



### Our prayer of the week... Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent...

Dear God  
As Christmas draws closer,  
Help us to remember anyone who is sick or lonely at this time of year:  
The homeless and sad,  
those who are hungry or at war.  
May the peace and joy of Christmas reach out and touch their lives  
Amen



### Person of the Week!

Reception - Destan  
Year 1 - Mohammad  
Year 2 - Ariana  
Year 3 - Hamza  
Year 4 - Hadith  
Year 5 - Gellila  
Year 6 – Saron

