

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Peace

*For us a child is born, to us a son is given...
and he will be called Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Santa Dash!



Our annual Santa Dash will take place next week, Friday 10th December.

Children may come to school wearing a festive outfit and complete the Santa Dash course. We are keen to bring some festive cheer to our school whilst raising much needed funds.

The event will take place on the school grounds in a socially distanced way where children will complete the dash within their year group. This will allow us to keep year groups separate. At present the plan is that parents **will** be allowed to attend this event and watch from designated areas. This will however remain dependant on the number of positive cases within our school and any change in the advice from the Local Authority or DfE. We will also share all class Santa Dashes digitally. We are so excited to see lots of festive costumes dashing around our grounds!

Thank you to all who have already sent in sponsor money and for your generous donations. Sponsor forms are still available from the school office. If you are a UK tax payer, and able to, we would be grateful if you could tick the Gift Aid box. This allows the PTA charity to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated.

Every single penny will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school. Thank you again!

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EYFS 21/22 Applications

For your information, from Wednesday 1st September the Reception Class admissions application windows opened. Parents can now apply online.

Reception Class – apply for your child's place from Wednesday 1st September. Closing date for on-line applications is Saturday 15th January 2022 – St. Paschal Baylon school form must also be completed – please ask at the school office or download from the school website.

All literature directs parents to apply online. Please note that children who are **not** Liverpool Local Authority residents must apply to their home local authority as per the local co-ordinated admissions arrangements.

If you need support with your application please contact school office.

The Admissions Team.

Mrs Dillon

Mrs Leahey

Mrs E Andrew

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

Can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.

Diary Dates

Christ the King Parish Christmas Fair – Saturday 4th December 1pm to 4pm

Santa Dash – Friday 10th December

Y4 Reconciliation – Monday 13th December

Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 16th December

School closes for Christmas Break – Tuesday 21st December @ 1.30pm

INSET Day – Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Children return to school – Wednesday 5th January 2022

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 01.11.21 for 7 weeks	Y1	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday	LLS Multisports From 14.09.21 for 12 weeks	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 03.11.21 for 7 weeks	Y3	7.50am-8.30am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 03.11.21 for 7 weeks	Y2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	LLS Multisports From 16.09.21 for 12 weeks	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 05.11.21 for 7 weeks	EYFS	3.10pm-4.10pm

General/Important Information

School Nurse

Parents/carers can now ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Please call: 0151 295 9700

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week we have continued with our topic of People Who Help Us, focusing this week on paramedics, doctors and nurses. In busy time we have been writing sentences and CVC words about a doctor. We have also been practicing our cutting skills and cutting out uniform for the different people who help us. In Maths we have continued our learning about number 7, focusing this week on one more and one less than. We concluded our learning of this number on Thursday, and did some super journaling about everything we have learnt! In RE we have begun our new topic, Advent. We have discussed what Advent is and joined in with a special whole school assembly to light the first candle on the advent wreath. The children have also been practising for a special Christmas Nativity, and have learnt lots of new songs and actions. We can't wait to share this with you on a Christmas video in the next few weeks. Just a reminder it is the Santa Dash next Friday so please continue to send in your sponsor forms and money, and get your Christmas Jumper ready! Thanks, the EYFS team.

YEAR ONE:

It has been a very exciting week in Year One! We had a special visitor from Santa! His name is Buddy the Elf and he put up all of our beautiful decorations around our classroom. Santa left a letter which explained who the elf was and why he was here. He also warned us that Buddy is very mischievous! We can't wait to see what he gets up to.

In English, we described a cosy Christmas scene using our senses. We thought about our own experiences and used our imagination to create a senses poem all about Christmas. It made us feel very festive and excited.

We started exploring numbers to 20 in our Maths lessons this week. The method that we used to count, was to circle a group of 10 and then count on. We will continue to use this method when we are solving problems. In RE, we introduced our new topic of 'waiting'. We talked about how Advent is an important time, where we wait for the birth of Jesus. We shared ways of how we can be a better person during this time and made Advent promises to hang on the Christmas tree.

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YEAR TWO:

What a fantastic week of learning for year 2. We started off the week with a new topic in Maths where we explored length using cm and m. In English, we have started to learn all about adverbs and how we can use them to add more detail to our verbs. This week, the start of December marked the start of Advent. We all enjoyed coming together as a whole school over zoom to light the first candle on our Advent wreath. We have also been very busy rehearsing for our special Christmas performance. We look forward to sharing it with all our parents and loved ones in the coming weeks.

YEAR THREE:

With great excitement, the children walked into the Year 3 classes to see their hand made Santa boots displayed as a giant Advent calendar around the board. Each boot contains a little chocolate sprout or Christmas pud, with one lucky winner, each day, getting to eat it in class! Oh, the excitement of eating that little chocolate! We also celebrated the first week of Advent with a whole school Zoom assembly, where Mr Flood and Miss Kavanagh lit the first Advent candle. And, of course, the focus in the R.E. lessons centre around the joyful anticipation of the greatest visitor – the baby Jesus. But, school being school, surrounding all this preparation of the forthcoming celebrations of Christmas there was still a lot of learning of maths (standard written methods for multiplication and division), history (wealthy Victorian traders in Liverpool), Science (animal skeletons and classification) and English (shape poems). To finish the week, the Rights, Respecting Schools focus was 'International Day for Disabled Persons', where this year's theme is 'Fighting for Rights in the post-Covid era'.



YEAR FOUR:

This week, the Year 4 pupils have been continuing to study newspaper reports. After studying the features of this text type, pupils were greeted by a shocking video on Thursday morning! The Year 4 elf, had sneaked down to the other end of the school and locked Mr Flood in his office! Luckily, Mr Coburn was on hand to help and rescue Mr Flood from this tricky situation! Next week, the children will be writing a newspaper report about this that will include eye-witness accounts from Mr Flood and Mr Coburn!

In science, we carried out an investigation looking at whether some types of chocolate melt quicker than others. The pupils placed a piece of chocolate into a tin case, into a container of water at 50 degrees C. Then, they stirred the chocolate whilst timing how long it took to melt. After the investigation, the pupils were asked to come up with reasons for why they think that certain chocolates melted faster than others.

YEAR FIVE:

It has been another busy, but enjoyable week in Year 5. The children have absolutely loved reading the playscript of Oliver Twist. We certainly have some budding actors and actresses in the year group! Maths has focused on word problems and the children have stuck to their tasks well, identifying what calculations need to be carried out, in what order, to solve the problems they have been faced with. Computing on Wednesday saw our Year 5 children using their coding skills with crumble kits, to bring the characters from the Aldi Christmas advert to life, by giving them flashing Christmas hats/ties/eyes - check out our Year 5 twitter page @SPBYear5 for the photos. Staying with the Christmas theme, RE focused on advent being a time of waiting patiently for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The children learned of the significance and symbolism of the advent wreath: its colouring and why evergreen leaves are used; the purpose of the holly; the reason it is circular. In Science, the children thought they were having cups of tea whilst they worked! Alas, it was only an investigation to see if using more insulated layers around a plastic bottle meant that the lovely tea inside stayed hotter for longer than those bottles that have fewer insulating layers, or no layers at all.

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YEAR SIX:

This week Year 6 have started a new topic in maths: Decimals. We have been dividing whole numbers using our knowledge of tenths, hundredths and thousandths and have also been looking at methods for how to find decimal and fraction equivalents. In literacy, we have started our new poetry topic. We have written our own version of 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds' by experimenting with figurative language and syllables. In RE, we have looked at the meaning of the Incarnation and have identified stories and scripture in which Jesus can be seen as being fully human and also God. We also enjoyed lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath, during a whole school virtual assembly. Mr Flood talked to us about the meaning and significance of the candles and leaves used for the wreath, as well as its shape; a circle to represent that God's love has no beginning, no end and is eternal.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

Please provide the school office with your email to allow us to invite you to use our app. Receive our weekly newsletter every Friday and keep up to date on events, term dates and much more!

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