

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Merry Christmas



We would like to wish all of our SPB families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

*God of light and hope,
Look upon us in love and fill us with the spirit of Jesus,
Protect us as we await the coming of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world.*

Amen

16.12.22

Y2 Nativity

On Wednesday and Thursday, families of our year 2 children enjoyed their Advent Assembly. The children performed with such confidence, speaking clearly and singing beautifully. The assembly told the story of Jesus's birthday and reminded us that Advent is a time when we are getting ready to celebrate it.

*Dear God,
Help us to remember the birth of Jesus.
Help us to share the gifts of love, joy and peace.
Look after everyone during the Christmas season.
Amen*

Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday the children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner. A big thank you to Chef, the kitchen team and all staff who helped make it possible!

PTA Santa Dash and Christmas Family Bingo

Thank you once again to all our SPB families for your generous Santa Dash donations and a huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets and came along to our Christmas Family Bingo nights this week. We hope you all enjoyed the events! The full total raised will be announced in the new year.

All money raised will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Please visit our SPB Twitter page, individual year group Twitter pages and Tapestry (EYFS) to see photos and videos of our Christmas activities!

EYFS 22/23 Applications

Parents, please share this with friends and neighbours. 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 Friday 15th January 2023 – **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.

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 09.01.23 for 5 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 10.01.23 for 5 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.50am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multisports From 10.01.23 until 28.03.23	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 11.12.23 for 5 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 12.01.23 for 5 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.50am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multisports From 12.01.23 until 30.03.23	Y1 & Y2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 13.01.23 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm – 4.05pm



Christmas Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
19 th December	Christmas Party Day Own clothes (party clothes)	Whole School	All day
19 th December	SPB Choir Carol Concert	Members of SPB Choir	4pm

Due to the size of our hall, each member of the choir is allowed a maximum of 2 guests to watch our choir's carol concert. Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the day if more than 2 per family attend.

General Diary Dates

School Closes for Christmas Break – Tuesday 20th December @ 1.30pm (no Afterschool Club)

INSET Day (school closed to children) – Wednesday 21st December

INSET Day (school closed to children) – Wednesday 4th January 2023

Children return to school – Thursday 5th January 2023

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



The ASD Training Team



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City Council

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Date and time

Thursday 5th January 2023
 Friday 6th January 2023
 Tuesday 10th January 2023
 Thursday 12th January 2023
 Friday 13th January 2023
 Friday 20th January 2023

9.30– 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15
1.00 – 1.45
2.00 – 2.45

To book your place please email your choice of date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link. There are two places available for each time slot.

asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk



FREE CHILDREN'S PLAYSCHEME

Free school meals – breakfast, lunches & snacks included for every child!

(All kids aged 5-12 and eligible for FSM welcome)

On 22nd, 23rd, 28th and 29th December @ 9.30am – 1.30pm

Academy International at Belle Vale Community Fire Station, Childwall

Valley Rd, L25 2PY Or:

Academy International, 1 Garden Cottages, Eaton Rd, L12 3HQ



Arts & Craft activities

*Keyboard & Guitar
Sessions*

Sports Games

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

Please send us an email to info@academyinternational.co.uk stating location and dates you'd like your child to attend – we'll send you a form which must be completed and returned to us before attending. Places are limited so we will let you know if places are unavailable on specific dates.

Want to help out? Volunteers are welcome – please contact us for more information!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

We've had a fantastic last full week of school this week before the Christmas holidays. The children have all been very excited, and feeling very festive and have enjoyed our Christmas themed activities. In RE we have continued with our story of the Nativity, and the children finished the topic by writing a prayer to wish Jesus a happy birthday, as reminder to them that Christmas is all about his special birth. As part of our topic time, we have also been looking at Christmas' past, and creating time lines. Thank you for sending in pictures of the children celebrating Christmas in the past, we shared these together and talked about things the children have enjoyed from their previous Christmas'. Following on from this, we also looked at pictures of our teachers Christmas now as adults, and in the past as children. And we finished off the topic with a special visit from Mrs Nolan who came and told us about her Christmas as a little girl, and showed us her first Christmas present which was over 70 years old! The children have also been busy during busy time, creating Christmas patterns, writing Christmas cards, and doing some Christmas crafts! Well done Reception for completing such a busy first term in school, we hope you have a good last few days of school next week and a very Happy Christmas from all the EYFS team!

YEAR ONE:

Another busy week in Year 1. In English, we have written some brilliant Christmas senses poems and non-chronological reports about The Great Fire of London. In Maths, we used our knowledge of the numbers to twenty to answer addition and subtraction questions. In Computing this week, we learnt about how computers recognise and organise objects using labels, we then used laptops to group objects by their properties. In RSE, this week we discussed people in our lives who keep us safe and happy. We also talked about how saying sorry is an important part of showing love to others. In PSHE, we talked about who is special. in our lives and why they are special to us. We then wrote a letter to that person thanking them for being there for us. In RE this week, learnt about and made Christingles, remembering what all the different parts represent.

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have had a very busy, fun filled week in school! We have been very proud of all the children in their performances this week. The children have worked so hard and it has really paid off! Thank you to all who attended, it was lovely to have you with us! We also had a great time at our Christmas dinner on Wednesday! There was lots of yummy food and Christmas singing, see Twitter for photos.

Alongside all the Christmas activities the children have also been busy finishing off various topics in class. In English we have been learning about instructions. We have learnt the features of instructions and followed a recipe carefully to make our own snowman biscuits. In RE we have come to the end of our Advent topic, we finished off by reading about the Nativity story and used story sequencing cards to put it in order. In science we have been continuing to learn about keeping healthy. We conducted an experiment to see which exercises would have the biggest effects on our bodies and ranked them accordingly. We monitored what happened to our bodies as the intensity of the exercise increased and wrote about this in our science books.

Homework this week is on Google Classroom; phonics links, as there will be no reading books sent home over the holidays. If you have any phonics books at home please send them in on Monday.

YEAR THREE:

Advent has been a feature again in Year 3 this week, both in our daily (giant) advent calendar around the class whiteboards, and in our R.E. lessons, where the children have been learning about Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary to announce that she will be the mother of God's son. Also explored was the 'Visitation', when Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was also to be blessed by God with a special child. On Wednesday, Year 3, along with the rest of the school, enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner – no mean feat when you're catering for around four hundred children! So, a big 'THANK YOU' to all the lunch staff from pupils and staff in Year 3.

In English, the children have become poetry detectives, with a particular focus on shape poetry. We have enjoyed poems around a range of themes, including snakes, octopuses, kites, Christmas trees and rain, to name but a few. In each one, poetic devices, such as rhyme, rhythm, simile, metaphor, repetition and alliteration have been identified (or not, in the case of some of the poems). It was of general opinion that the most enjoyable poems, were the ones that rhymed. In maths, the focus remains multiplication and division, where we have moved on to more formal, structured methods for each of these operations. As usual, we would like to encourage the children to keep consolidating their learning by accessing TTRockstars, as most children are successfully using the methods, but are making errors in times tables!

We now look forward to Monday, when we will enjoy our final school Christmas tradition – the Christmas party, and Tuesday, when the children's excitement will know no bounds as they finish the Autumn Term to celebrate Christmas!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, Year 4 finished their newspaper writing unit. We completed writing our report on Mrs Ashton's laptop keyboard being turned to German by a naughty elf, then the children wrote their own article based on their own elf experiences!

In science, we conducted an investigation into evaporation. We submerged three dish clothes in water then hung them up around different parts of the school to see how much they dried. We measured the mass of the towel at the start and at the end, then calculated how much water had been lost. The towel inside the classroom dried out more than the one in the hall and outside.

On Tuesday, we practised creating tints and shades in art. As we go to press, we are using these skills to create a surrealist winter tree painting, inspired by Piet Mondrian.

The classroom was decorated on Wednesday for our Christmas dinner. It was a special occasion where we ate the fantastic food cooked for us and enjoyed the festive atmosphere together.

YEAR FIVE:

The children have had a lovely week in school. On Monday, the children made their own breakfast burritos, and had a visit from Chef Jack, who showed them the correct way to assemble and wrap a burrito. He also discussed the importance of using ingredients that work well together. The children have written their own playscripts linked to two different scenes from Oliver Twist. In Maths, the children completed their chapter on graphs. In Computing lessons, the children learned how devices can connect together whilst being in different locations, and the children worked collaboratively, across both classes to complete a guide on how to look after a zoo animal. In Geography, the children focused their work on Fairtrade and recognise the important work this company does to support those workers in the primary stage of the global supply chain. With Christmas dinner and watching the Y2 Nativity, it has been a very busy but enjoyable week.

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YEAR SIX:

We have had a great final full week of term in Year 6. In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals using our prior knowledge of place value to help us when multiplying. We continued with our genre of Poetry in English, this week, looking at poems which provoke certain imagery when reading them. In Science, we completed our unit on light, learning all about how shadows are formed and which densities are the most effective for creating a shadow. We then created puppets and performed a dialogue between Isaac Newton and Robert Hooke. Finally, In DT, we have been planning our final products for Monday. We sketched an exploded diagram showing some of the components we plan to use and created a step by step creation process. We look forward to a well-deserved rest over the Christmas break. The Year 6 teaching team wish all our families a happy and peaceful Christmas.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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