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SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Operation Christmas Child 2023

Thank you to all those who filled a shoebox for this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal, sharing love and joy through your gifts.

What goes into the shoebox is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal.

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PTA Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated toys today! Our next own clothes day is Friday 1st December and donations of chocolate/bottles will be greatly appreciated.

KS2 Christmas Bingo on Wednesday 20th December has now sold out. Please let the school office know if you can't attend to allow us to offer the tickets to someone who is on the waiting list. Thank you.

Road Safety

As this week is Road Safety Week we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to take time to park considerately outside and around our school and allow safe access for pedestrians and cyclists. Please also be considerate to Lidl customers if parking in the Lidl car park.

School has received complaints of parents/carers parking on the zig zags outside of our school. We have also received complaints from local residents of parents parking inconsiderately on corners and across driveways. Remember **pupils need to see and be seen** when crossing the roads so please consider ways you can help as a parent/guardian to improve their road safety.

If you use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from school, please consider parking further away from the entrance & exits in a safe legal place and walk the remainder of the journey.

Please do not park on

- School Keep Clear Zig Zags
- Double/Single Yellow Lines
- Close to junctions / Drop Kerbs
- Near School Crossing Patrol locations
- On Pavements
- Cycle Lanes
- In front of resident driveways

Thank you for your continued support.

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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 Monday 15th January 2024 – **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 Andrew

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Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 06.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computing Club: 06.11.23 20.11.23 04.12.23 18.12.23		3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 07.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 19.09.23 for 12 weeks	Y3, Y4 & Y5	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 08.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 09.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From 21.09.23 for 12 weeks	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 10.11.23 for 6 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm–4.05pm

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Diary Dates

EYFS Elmer Stay & Play – Monday 27th November 3.15pm – 4pm

U11 Girls Football @ Jeffrey Humble, L9 6AG – Tuesday 28th November 4pm

EYFS Gruffalo Stay & Play – Wednesday 29th November 3.15pm – 4pm

U11 Boys Football @ Heron Eccles, L18 7JT – Thursday 30th November 4pm

PTA Own Clothes Day (Donations of chocolate/bottles) – Friday 1st December

Final Y6 Swimming Session – Monday 4th December

Mass @ SPB – Monday 11th December @ 9.15am

School Health Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 12th December

School Closes for Christmas Break – Thursday 21st December @ 1.30pm

Children return to school – Monday 8th January 2024



Christmas Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Friday 1 st December	PTA Own Clothes Day Donations of chocolate/bottles for Christmas Bingo	Whole School	All day
Monday 4 th December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Mrs Mutch’s class	2pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Reception	8am
Tuesday 5 th December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Miss Reilly’s class	9.05am
Wednesday 6 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 1	8am
Thursday 7 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 2	8am
Friday 8 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 3	8am
Friday 8 th December	Santa Dash	Whole School	AM (times tbc)
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Performance	Reception – Elmer	9.05am
Wednesday 14 th December	KSI Christmas Bingo	Reception, Y1 & Y2	5pm – 7pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Performance	Reception – Gruffalo	9.05am
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School	Lunchtime
Thursday 14 th December	Choir Christmas Performance	Choir group	4pm
Monday 18 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Mrs Wood’s class	2pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss Wilson’s class	9.05am
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day	Whole School	All day
Wednesday 20 th December	KS2 Christmas Bingo	Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6	5pm – 7pm
Thursday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas break	Whole School	1.30pm

Due to the size of our hall and number of pupils in each class, each child is allowed a **maximum of 3 guests to watch a nativity/assembly**. Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the day if more than 3 per family attend.

For the **choir performance a maximum of 2 guests** per child is allowed.

Santa DashSanta Dash - Friday 8th December 2023

On Friday 8th December (**weather permitting**) we will hold our Annual Santa Dash.

Parents are welcome to watch from the grass on the right-hand side inside the main path gate. This means that the children do not have to run through the parents. Parents can also watch from the footpath outside school. This provides excellent views of the whole playground. Please ensure that you still leave room for people to be able to pass you without having to step on the road.

We hope that the weather will allow us to have our Santa Dash as planned. If the weather is bad, we will unfortunately have to postpone the event until Friday 15th December. It would be a miserable time for the children to run around the course in the pouring rain! We are aware that many parents may have arranged time off work to watch their children, so if there is only light rain we will proceed as planned. In the event that we have to postpone due to bad weather we will send out a text early on the morning of the event.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Time	Year Group
9.15 am	EYFS
9.25am	Year 1
9.35am	Year 2
9.45am	Year 3
9.55am	Year 4
10.05am	Year 5
10.15am	Year 6

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General/Important Information

Christ the King Church Christmas Fair



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

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

We've had another super week here in Reception. We have started our new topic of 'People who help us.' We have had a very exciting week as we have had a visit from the Police! A Police Officer came to our school to answer our questions and help us find out more about the police and why their job is so important. We had lots of fun trying on her hat and sitting in the real police car! She even played us the siren on her car!

We have continued with the theme of people who help us through our busy time activities and have started a new book called 'Cops and Robbers'.

The children have created and wrote some amazing wanted posters to find the robbers. It has been fantastic seeing them apply their phonic knowledge to their writing or attempting to make marks for a purpose. We have also been filling out incident reports and police badges, again this is to practise using our phonic knowledge to attempt to write words, or to just practise mark making for a purpose. We have been reinforcing previously taught maths. Looking at creating 2D shapes with strips of paper. We have been trying to use the correct amounts of strips, cutting them to the correct size and then naming the shape. We have also used the elephants to reinforce pattern and sorting. We have set up the small world to look like the story 'Cops and Robbers.' We are using the book and our imagination to retell the story. We have been dressing up in police outfits in the small world and completing jigsaws with pictures of police, firefighters and ambulance workers. We have also been manipulating the play dough to make props for the people who help us.

Thank you for all your donations towards the PTA Christmas bingo, it is gratefully appreciated. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE:

We have been working hard this week. In English, we have been writing the story of Zog. We have been super impressed with the sentences writing skills! In Maths, we have been exploring positions, such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. and learning how to recognise left and right. In RE, we finished our topic of Belonging, recognising the importance of the Baptismal candle at a Baptism and what it represents. We also learnt about Sikhism this week, listening to the stories of Guru Nanak and thinking about how Sikhs do good deeds to follow his teachings. We also discussed world children's day this week and talked about how important it is for all children around the world to be treated equally.

YEAR TWO:

This week Year 2 have had a busy week of learning with some Nativity practice fun too! We will be bringing home our lines soon so please help us to practise these at home. In ICT we completed our work on programming robots and creating algorithms to make a Beebot move along a world map. In Maths we have begun a new chapter on grouping and sharing. In our English lessons we made our own innovated story maps using our own ideas and have used these to write the beginning of our own version of the Three Little Superpigs. We had a great afternoon this week in our Science lesson, using our photos from home to create a timeline/life cycle of human growth. We were able to describe our different milestones at each different stage of our lives. In Design technology, we are beginning to design our own moving Elf Mobile using wheels and axles. Lots of super work this week. Well done Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

We started our school week consolidating our understanding about children's rights as we participated in Universal Children's Day, which is held on the 20th November, each year. This special day is also linked to OutRight – a Rights, Respecting Schools programme our school participates in each year, which educates children on how to have a voice and how to share their thoughts and ideas. After discussion about COP 28 and the effects of climate change on children around the world, the children wrote notes to Graham Stewart (UK Minister for Energy, Security and Net Zero), which were then inserted into a 'Good Luck' card for him, as he attends this year's COP (Conference of Parties) at the end of November.

On Wednesday it began to look a lot like Christmas, as both classes created their Santa Boots in readiness for them to be displayed around the board as a giant Advent calendar. And, of course, the children learned in a range of other curriculum areas – the differences of life between rich and poor Victorians in the history lesson; how to create a template for a magazine, using Microsoft Publisher in computing; enhancing performance on the Xylophone in music, the Jesse tree and Advent in R.E., as well as the usual maths and English!

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YEAR FOUR:

Throughout the week, Year 4 have worked extremely hard completing assessments in Reading and Maths. We are very proud of what they have achieved!

In Maths lessons, we have been solving two-step word problems using multiplication and division. Despite finding it rather difficult at first, the children showed great perseverance and many were able to attempt some rather tricky questions independently.

In R.E., we explored the sacrament of Confirmation (one of the three sacraments of initiation). The children created some excellent information texts describing the different parts of this sacred experience.

In Science, we investigated the melting point of different types of chocolate (dark, milk and white). We found that the percentage of cocoa in the chocolate determines how long it takes for the piece of chocolate to completely melt.

Whilst in Computing, Year 4 used Chrome Music Lab to create their own content. They thoroughly enjoyed experimenting on the Kandinsky page and making their own sounds.

YEAR FIVE:

This week in English, Year 5 have continued our 'Stories with a Historical Setting' unit, preparing arguments for discussion such as 'Is Fagin a hero or a villain?' and comparing the tale of Oliver Twist with other stories such as The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, A Christmas Carol and Alice in Wonderland. Maths lessons have been a bit tricky this week, focusing on solving multi-step word problems involving multiplication and division and using bar models. In Geography, we located all of the English counties and major cities in the UK. In Science we learnt about the planets in our solar system, how cold they are, how far away they are from the Sun, etc. In RE, we started looking at Sikhism. We first discussed different groups we belong to and then learned the story of the beginning of the Khalsa. In D&T, we finished preparing for making our breakfast burritos next week – we can't wait!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have been using our knowledge of factors and multiples to begin simplifying fractions this week – we will continue this by comparing and ordering fractions next week. In English, we explored archaic language and how older books, in particular classic fiction have a lot of these words contained within them that we no longer use today. The Rocky Mountains were a focus in our Geography lessons whereby we were able to explain how mountains are formed when two plates collide. We also evaluated our burgers from last week where we stated whether they were fit for purpose, maintained its shape and what we would do differently to improve it. In R.E. we looked at the calling of John the Baptist and St. Andrew and tried to put ourselves in their shoes by being called by Jesus. And in Science, we explored light further by studying refraction and how it can play tricks on your eyes – check out our twitter page and see our investigations.

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