



# St. Saviour's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter before the end of term! As ever, we have lots going on and lots to tell you about.

### **FOSS (Friends of St Saviour's) Christmas Raffle**

Our PTA, FOSS, will be running this year's Christmas Raffle.

The prizes are already building up and some lovely items have been donated by local businesses.

Look out on the gate morning and evening for tickets being sold.



### **FOSS (Friends of St Saviour's) Christmas Film Night**

Our PTA, FOSS, will also be running a film night on the last day of term, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Our School Council voted on what film should be shown and the choice is **Arthur Christmas**. Tickets will be on sale soon priced £4 which includes a drink and a snack.

Please remember school finishes at 2pm that day and the film will start at 2.30 prompt.

**Children must be picked up promptly at 4.14pm.**



### **Well Done to our Choir!**

I would like to say a huge well done to our incredible choir for their superb performance at this week's Turning of the Year festival at Blackheath Halls. It was a real pleasure to attend the concert and watch our choir sing along with the six other schools involved and their stunning solo slot.

A huge thank you again to Mrs Robins and Mrs Dummett for preparing the children over the weeks leading up to the event and for giving up their evening to support the children, along with the many parents who were in attendance supporting their children.

### **Thinking of Buying a Scooter for Christmas?**

If you are thinking of buying your child a scooter as a present this Christmas.....*we may be able to help out!*

We had two scooters donated earlier in the year by a friend of the school. As these do not have stabilisers we cannot use them for our Reception and Nursery Children.

We have one Red scooter and one Blue scooter (*pictured right*).

Each scooter will go to the highest bidder by the 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to make a bid please see Mrs Reid in the school office, *we are starting the bidding at £30 for each scooter.*



### **School Starts at 9am!**

Please remember the school gates close at 9am each morning. Our school bell is on an electronic timer and when the bell sounds we close the gate. Children arriving after this time will be recorded as late and receive a late slip to take home.

Please remember our school gate is open from 8.30am. Parents of Reception and Nursery children should stay with them until they go into class, Parents of children in classes 1 and 2 should stay with their children until 8.50am when the playground is fully manned.

Please remember that the school register is a legal document. We need an accurate picture of who is in the school at any point in case of fire. Class Teachers fill in the registers as soon as children enter the classroom.

### **Christmas Lunch 2018 and Christmas Jumper Day**

The new date for Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. All children are invited to have a school Christmas Lunch so if your child normally has a packed lunch they can join the rest of the school for the cost of £2.20. We ask for a donation of £1 for Christmas Jumper Day, all proceeds go towards the renovation of our Music Hut.

### **Speaking to Teachers before the school day**

We are seeing an increasing amount of parents trying to enter the classrooms to speak to teachers just as the day starts. **This cannot continue** for both Safeguarding and due to the huge pressure our teachers are under to maintain standards. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please make an appointment through the office.

### **Reception Intake September 2019**

Please remember if your child is due to start Reception in September 2019 then the closing date for applications is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. *Please remember your child must be fully toilet trained before starting either Nursery or Reception.*

You must fill in one of our admission forms (*available from the office or on our web site*) and also get your Parish Priest to fill in the Supplementary form. In addition you need to apply online at [www.eadmissions.org](http://www.eadmissions.org) If you do not apply as explained above your child will not be considered for a place.

**Please note that being in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in our Reception Class.**

### **Nursery Intake September 2019**

Please remember if your child is due to start Nursery in September 2019 we are now taking applications. Your child must be 3 years of age before starting our Nursery.

We currently offer free 15 hour places, 30 hours for those parents who qualify and if you are eligible for 15 hours but *wish to buy extra hours*, every effort will be made to accommodate.

You **must** fill in one of our admission forms (*available from the office or on our web site*) and also get your Parish Priest to fill in the Supplementary form.

*Please remember your child must be fully toilet trained before starting either Nursery or Reception.*

### **Food Allergies / Food Intolerance**

Please be advised that Chartwell's, our hot meal providers, have informed us that unless medical evidence is produced to Chartwell's which proves your child has an allergy/intolerance then your wishes cannot be accommodated.

If you do have medical evidence as to your child's allergy/intolerance then please collect a form from the school office which will need to be completed along with the supporting medical evidence.

### **Parent Pay**

Please be advised that as of **January 2019** we will not be accepting cash payments to our school office, you can **only pay through Parent Pay**.

At the moment we have a very small percentage of parents using Parent Pay to pay for school lunches, breakfast club, after school club or the school fund. Please refer to the letter you were sent in the Summer Term with you payment codes on.

If you have lost the code please speak to the school office as soon as possible.

***You can now pay for After School Club & Breakfast Club on Parent Pay!***

Many thanks for your ongoing support as we strive to deliver the best education possible for our children, parish and community.

**Mr. D Houson**  
**Headteacher**



A huge thank you to Mrs Appassamy for preparing our beautiful new Christmas Tree which is situated near the ICT suite. The tree was decorated by Mrs Appassamy and her little helpers from Class One. Thank you!!

### **Diary Dates Autumn 2018**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Choir performing at Ladywell Daycare Centre
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Whole School Panto – Peter Pan
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 2pm – tickets only
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Class 4 Educational Visit to British Museum
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 2pm – tickets only
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Lunch – Change of Date!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Carol Concert at St Saviour’s Church at 2pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Mass at 10am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec School Closes for Christmas at 2pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec FOSS Film night (2.15 to 4.15) Ticket only

### **Diary Dates Spring Term 2019**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan School Closed for INSET day
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Children return to school