

St. Saviour's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the third newsletter of the Autumn Term. Since we returned from half term there has been a lot going on in the school and a lot planned for our Christmas Celebrations!

Please read below for news on any changes and this year's term dates.

School Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre this year will take place on Saturday 9th December 11am to 2pm. Please put the date in your diaries.

If you are able to volunteer some time leading up to the fayre or on the day itself please see Miss Kahlon in the office.

We also have a few tables available for hire If you are interested please contact Miss Kahlon.



Anti-Bullying Week

We just had to share this fantastic poem written by Class 4 during anti-bullying week –

Bullying is very bad,

It makes our friends sad.

It can make them really upset.

Respect everyone and don't be mean,

Don't make fun of differences.

Make some noise! Make it loud! You can be proud!

Take action if someone's being rude.

Speak out and be a good person.

Would you just leave someone feeling sad?

Tell an adult or report the bullies,

If you're lonely, talk to a friend that you trust.

Don't be scared, talk to a teacher.

Always listen to others when they are upset,

Try and be an ally.

Share your feelings with your family.

Being nice is better than being mean.

Bullying is not an option, kindness is.

Treating people nicely is what's right.



Harvest Festival & CAFOD Fundraising

Thank you so much for all your generous donations in this years harvest appeal. The superb range of your donations were given to Lewisham Food Bank who help those in dire needs in our own communities.

I am also very pleased to announce that our recent **CAFOD** appeal raised a huge £181! Thank you so much to all the children who took part in the Dress Up Bright for CAFOD day!

Huge thanks to Mrs Cunningham for organising both events!



School Uniform

We are doing an audit of school uniform and PE kits this first half term. Any child wearing the incorrect school uniform or PE kit will receive a letter home. Please remember that children are <u>not allowed</u> to wear trainers as part of their school uniform. We are now in our Winter Uniform.

https://www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk/parents-zone/school-uniform/

Party/Goodie bags

We have a number of children with varying food allergies in school and we do not permit party or goodie bags to be distributed to your child's classmates. Equally staff will not take and distribute these

Who can pick my child up from school?

Only adults aged 18 and over who you have named to the school office may pick your child up from school. If they are not on your child's record they will not be permitted to take your child out of school. Our staff can and will ask for photo ID as proof of age.

Late Pick Up

Parents are reminded that if children are not picked up on time they will be sent to After School Club for which there is a charge. This also applies to late pick up from extra curricula clubs.

Contact details, Change of address

Please notify the office of any changes to your contact details so that we can ensure effective communication between you and the school.

The same applies to any change of address.

Mobile Phones

Parents are reminded that the use of mobile phones on the school premises is not permitted. You will be asked to leave the site to finish your conversation.

Volunteer in St Saviours RC Primary School

Are you looking for an opportunity play a role in ensuring better outcomes for our primary school children? We looking for volunteers to undertake activities such as reading with children and looking after our library. If you have a little time to spare each week and you are interested in a rewarding experience getting to know our school better, please contact the school office via email at: admin@stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk

Any help or skills you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated.

You'll need to commit to a regular time each week please, so we can plan for you coming along.

It is a requirement that <u>all volunteers will need to have an up-to-date DBS check and are able to provide referees</u>.

Nursery Places

We currently have places available for 3 and 4 year olds in our nursery. We offer 15hours and 30hours. Please contact the school office for an application form.

Nursery September 2024 intake

We are now receiving applications for children to join our nursery in September 2024. We offer 15hour and 30hour places. Applications for children aged 3 and 4 year olds are welcomed, kindly note that children will have had to attained 3 years old on or before 31st August 2024. The nursery application form is available from the school website (https://www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk/schoolinformation/admissions-new/) or from the school office. The closing date for applications is 31st March 2024.

Free School Meals

Confused between Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) and Universal Free School Meals?

Please note that for this academic year only <u>all children</u> from Reception to Year 6 will get a free school meal. However, THIS IS NOT THE SAME as being eligible for Pupil Premium funding which also gives discounts of up to 50% on school trips and after school clubs.

Don't miss out what you are entitled for!

Think you could be eligible? Please watch our short video which explains everything in full detail here – https://www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk/free-school-meals-video/

Ms Kahllon is available to help parents and carers apply. Please contact her on 0208 852 4283 or pop into the school office to book an appointment.

Term Dates 2023-24

Please be advised that next year's term dates are enclosed in this newsletter and on the school website. Please also note that any <u>time off requests for holidays will be rejected</u>. Please value your child's time at school.

https://www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk/parents-zone/letters and term dates/

Breakfast and After School Club

- Breakfast club runs from 07:50am until 08:50am Monday to Friday and costs £5 per day/£25 per week
- After School club runs from 3:30pm until 6pm Monday to Friday and costs £12 per day/£60 per week

Please note if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) you will get 50% off the above prices

Reception September 2024 Intake Applications

We are now receiving applications for children due to start primary school in September 2024. Anyone whose child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can apply. Please remember that, even if your child attends our Nursery, this does not guarantee them a place in our Reception class. You will still need to apply for a Reception place by completing a supplementary form, and this is available from the school office or you can download and print one from the school website. You will need to also apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk, and can apply for up to six schools.

Please remember, the closing date for applications to the school and to e-admissions is 15th January 2024.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mr. D Houson Headteacher

Upcoming Events

22nd November – Nursery Trip

24th November – Reception Open Day (10am)

1st December – Nursery Open Day (10am)

5th December – Reception Open Day

6th December – Bake a cake completion (prizes for best cake)

6th December – Cake Sale after school in KS2 playground

6th December – KS2 Carol rehearsal (2pm)

7th December – Jumpers for Jimmy – children to wear Christmas jumper £1 donation

7th December – Christmas Lunch

7th December – KS2 Carol Concert

9th December – Christmas Fayre 11am to 2pm

12th December – Early Years & KS1 - Nativity (time to be confirmed)

13th December – Early Years & KS1 - Nativity (time to be confirmed)

14th December – Yr 6 trip to Shakespeare Globe Theatre

14th December – Nursery Open Day (1:45pm)

15th December – Reception Open Day (2pm)

19th December - Mass

20th December – Last day of term. School finishes early KS2 at 1:45pm, Nursery, Reception & KS1 at 2pm