

# Newsletter: Week 12

The value we are thinking about this half-term is: LOVE

*'If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'*

*Corinthians 13*

## Update from Mrs Nettleship

Dear Parents,

Last weekend Mrs Vodila attended the Southall Community Awards ceremony as we had been nominated for an award. To our surprise, we won an award for our contribution to improve the quality of life for the Southall Community. We work closely with the Norwood Green Residents Association supporting them in events and improving the environment around Norwood Green. We believe that through supporting our local community we are carrying out two of our school values of 'Service' and 'Respect'. Well done to everyone involved.

We have started our Christmas preparations, and the PTA have been busy organising the Christmas fair. I would like to invite all the parents at St Mary's to show support of this wonderful event through donations and/or volunteering.



## Dates/ Information

- 6th December: Chestnut Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am- parents welcome.
- 7th December: Parent Tour for new Nursery and Reception intake at 9.30am
- 7th December: Field Maple Class Trip to Science Museum-parent volunteers welcome
- 11th December: Pantomime
- 12th December: Christmas Communion Service
- 12th December: Choir visit to Norwood Green Care Home
- 13th December: Hight and Weight Check Reception and Grey Willow Class
- 13th December: Christmas Fair

### Attendance Champions

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Sapling Class     | 88.31% |
| Ash Class         | 91.54% |
| Beech Class       | 96.56% |
| Chestnut Class    | 94.67% |
| Elm Class         | 96.13% |
| Field Maple Class | 97.89% |
| Grey Willow Class | 92.55% |

### Notices:

- If you are having difficulty booking the PSD clubs with the links that have been provided, please find the QR codes attached to the newsletter.
- If you know a family who is interested in Nursery or school places, please encourage them to book a tour. Just contact the school office.

### Our Vision - 'Good Ground Grows Well'

*Through our Christian ethos, we teach children to hear, understand and live the word of God, helping them to give back to the world as global citizens. As every child is uniquely created in God's image, we nurture their individual development through a holistic approach to all aspects of life.*

### Sapling Class

In Sapling Class, the children produced imaginative creations with junk modelling. They were bubbling with enthusiasm to describe their cars, boats and castles. They have also explored the school grounds using listening skills to investigate sounds.



### Ash Class

This week, Ash Class consolidated their phonics knowledge. The children had the opportunity to create an advent wreath in RE. For many, the highlight of the week was making stick men in Forest School! Throughout the week we used Christmas vocabulary.



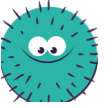
### Beech Class

In Beech Class, we wrote a book review about Mrs Armitage on Wheels. In maths, we continued to with addition word problems. In RE, we looked at why God sent Angel Gabriel to tell the shepherds about the arrival of Jesus. In science we looked at what animals eat.



### Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been sorting 2-D shapes and counting faces on 3-D shapes. We can explain how living things in a habitat depend on each other for food, protection and shelter. We know that London was rebuilt in 1666 with bricks and stones to prevent fires.



**Look at how busy we've been and how we've grown this week!**

### Elm Class

Elm Class visited St Mary's Church this week. In English, we planned and wrote a non-chronological report, and explored ways of resolving conflicts for oracy skills. In RE, we discussed the Christmas message and reasoned as to why Jesus is called 'Prince of Peace'.



### Field Maple Class

This week we have been designing and making a range of different parachutes in science as well as designing a sarcophagus history. We have also started to become journalists in English when writing a newspaper report about a UFO sighting.



### Grey Willow Class

Grey Willow Class reflected on gospels in RE, and discussed what makes a good Christmas advert to practise oracy skills. We also wrote creative stories in English, and we started our new DT unit, designing toys that will be sewed next week using textiles.



## Thought for the week

☞ *God, give the king your good judgment and the king's son your goodness. Help him judge your people fairly. Help him decide what is right for the poor. Let there be peace on the mountains and goodness on the hills. Help him be fair to the poor. Help him save the needy and punish those who hurt them.*  
Psalm 72: 1 - 4 ☞

### Something to think about

It might be that we feel far removed from the corridors of power where big decisions are made in our country, unable to have much influence. So let's pray today for our political leaders: for them to act with justice, to make choices that bring freedom from oppression, for fair distribution of resources for everybody. As we do so, we may well find our hearts gradually moved towards a greater engagement in action.

### Something to do

Send a note or an email to your MP or local councillor to let them know that you're praying for them. Ask if there is anything in particular that they would value your prayers for. Maybe you could use this as a jumping off point to build a strong relationship and campaign with your MP or local councillor.

### Something to pray

God of justice, when I feel powerless to make a difference, please remind me of the power of prayer. Be at work in the hearts of all who make big decisions, that they would work to make the world fairer for everyone. Help me to stay open to the ways you might be calling me to engage more closely with my leaders and politicians. Amen.



## St Mary's School, Norwood Green: Dates for Autumn Term 2023-2024

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| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November  | Field Maple Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome  |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November  | Grey Willow at Khalsa School for Guru Nanak's Birthday at 9.00am   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November  | Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am  |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November | Elm Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome   |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November  | School Photographs   |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December     | Grey Willow Class Litter Picking-1.30pm  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Chestnut Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December   | Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December   | Field Maple Class trip to the Science Museum   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | Pantomime  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Key Stage 2 Christmas Communion at St Mary's Church  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Carol Singing at Norwood Green Care Home   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Beech Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Height & Weight for Reception 9.00am   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | St Mary's Christmas Fair   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | Reception and Nursery Nativity – parents welcome   |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December  | Choir at The Plough 4.00pm – parents welcome   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | Beech and Chestnut Class Nativity 9.00am – parents welcome   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas lunch-Wear party clothes or Christmas jumper   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | End of Term (finish at 1.15pm) Christmas Holidays from 20 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January |

## Spring Term

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| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January    | Term Starts                                 |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January   | Field Maple Class Police talks              |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February   | Young Voices-St Mary's Choir                |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February | Elm Class Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February   | End of Term-finish at 3.00pm                |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February  | Half Term                                   |

# PTA Christmas fair

## Volunteers & donations needed

Dear parents and carers,

Our Christmas fair is during the school day on **Wednesday 13th December!**

We want to raise money for some much needed new toilets for our children and we need your help.

- **Donations** for class hamper raffle and tombola = we need quality items to make the day special.
- Help on the day to run a stall - this can be a half hour slot / whatever time you can give will be appreciated
- **Parent elves** - We need some behind the scenes help to wrap gifts for our little ones - Santa's sack is ready!
- We need help behind the scenes to put everything together

Please contact us or leave your details at the school office.

Amrita - PTA Events coordinator - 07912855760

Sharon - Chair - 07910747790

Lucky - Secretary - 07500114242

### PTA class reps

**It would be good to have 2 class reps from each class to help with communication.**

We have some plans to raise even more money for our school and welcome your input. If you have any ideas please share them with us.



# Christmas Hampers

We are in full festive mode and are asking each class to make up a hamper for the Christmas raffle! Each class has a colour theme and is asked to donate something in that colour.

We would like a range of quality items that you would be excited to win in a raffle such as chocolates, luxury candle or bath set, a bottle of special bubbly, scarf or festive treats!

Nursery - Red

Reception - Pink

Year 1 - Blue

Year 2 - Gold

Year 3 – Black and white

Year 4 - Purple

Year 5 - Orange

Year 6 – Green



Donations to be with class teachers by Friday 8th December 2023

Buy Raffle tickets now from your class reps!

# MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 1-4 MULTISPORTS



## ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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# FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 3 – 6 FOOTBALL



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# Christmas Fair

This year the fair will be during school hours and each class will be taken. Please ensure your child has some pocket money to spend at the fair. We hope this will encourage independence and how to manage money. The money raised will go towards some much needed toilets outside for the children.

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School day event

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GAMES, FOOD AND DRINKS,  
GIFTING CRAFTS, GINGER BREAD  
DECORATING AND LOTS MORE.





★★★★★  
"Absolutely  
MAGICAL!"

The Children's Pantomime

★★★★★  
A Cast of Top  
Performers

# Cinderella

presented by  
Chaplins Gold  
Pantos



Appearing

at Heston Community Centre, Vicarage Farm Road, Heston, TW5 0EE

Saturday, 2nd December 2023 at 2.30pm

Tickets: Children under 16 £5 Adults £10. Cash only

Booking Office opening times: Mon - Fri 11am - 4pm

Tel: 020 8570 5076



# NORWOOD GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*in collaboration with*

**St Mary's Church & St Leonard's Church**

# NATIVITY PLAY

**Thursday December 21st**

**from 6pm - 7pm**

**on Norwood Green, Tentelow UB2**



Carol singing after the play and hot chocolate drinks will be available too, so please come join us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!



# *Christingle*

*St Leonard's Church Heston*

*Sunday 10th December 3pm*

*Why not kick start your Christmas preparations by joining us for our child focussed ,heart-warming service, echoing the promise of light, hope, joy and peace for our families, our community and around the world.*

*All Welcome*



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Email [office@parishofheston.org](mailto:office@parishofheston.org)  
Charity number: 1159915



**Saturday 9th December 1pm-6pm**



# **The Plough Christmas Market**

**Craft Stalls, Santa's Grotto, Live Music,  
Carol Singers, Mulled Wine,  
Great food & Beer**





## **ISLEWORTH FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE**

**AT ISLEWORTH & SYON SCHOOL**

**RIDGEWAY ROAD, ISLEWORTH, TW7 5LJ**

**WHEN: EVERY MONDAY**

**STARTING: MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

(PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN CAN JOIN COURSE AFTER START DATE CONTACT NUMBER FOR MORE INFO)

**MONDAYS:**

- Group 1 : School Years Reception & Year 1 .....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 1)
- Group 2 : School Year 2 & Year 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 2)
- Group 3 : School Year 4 & Year 5.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 1)
- Group 4 : School Year 6 & Year 7.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 2)

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **24 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2023. The course will run for 12-14 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

### **About our Course**

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn **ESSENTIAL FOOTBALL TECHNIQUES**, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice.
- It is an **INDOOR** course held in Sports Halls, therefore trainers must be worn.
- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'American shoot out' and 'Penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation.
- The cost of the course is £8.50 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £34 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

[www.prosoccercoaching.org](http://www.prosoccercoaching.org)

### **TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:**

**ISLEWORTH + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2, 3 or 4)**

**and receive confirmation by text to: 07880 798 762**

## **CHRISTMAS FUN FOOTBALL CAMP**

We are also holding our very popular 4 day CHRISTMAS football camp at Swakeleys School (Hillingdon, UB10 0EJ) on **TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> to FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024** (9.00am – 3.00pm) for boys and girls aged 4 – 13. Each child will receive an engraved trophy. The cost of the 4 day camp are £80 per child. (£50 for additional siblings & Individual Days £25 per day) If you would like your child to attend these football fun days please text: **SWAKELEYS CHRISTMAS CAMP + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE TO: 07880 798 762** to obtain confirmation and further details.





# Gentleman's Bake Off

**Saturday 16th December**  
categories: sweet, savoury & puddings

**Bring your entries to The Plough by 2pm**  
**for judging at 2:30pm**