

Newsletter: Week 13

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

This week our Year 5 class had a fantastic time at the Science museum visiting the Earth and Space department as part of their science topic.

In my meetings with the school council, the representatives made suggestions on how we could improve our playground with more places to sit and a quiet space for children to sit and be calm. With this in mind we applied to the Willesden Area Council for funding to help us create an outdoor prayer garden and quiet space. We have just found out our application has been successful so we will be starting on this project in the new year.

The children enjoyed making Christingles and other Christmas related artwork this week. Next week we really start to get busy with our Christmas activities, remember it's not too late to donate items for the Christmas Hampers or to buy raffle tickets.

God Bless,
Mrs Nettleship

Notices:

- Please make sure you pay for the Pantomime tickets on ParentPay
- Raffle tickets are still available to buy, please pay for them on ParentPay
- School photos must be ordered by 12th December for free delivery back to school.



Dates/ Information

- 11th December: Pantomime
- 12th December: Key Stage 2 Christmas Communion Service
- 12th December: Carol singing at Norwood Green Care Home
- 13th December: Height and Weight Check Reception and Grey Willow Class
- 13th December: St Mary's Christmas Fair (in school hours)
- 14th December: Field Maple Class parent meeting about Sayers Croft trip at 2.15pm
- 15th December: Reception and Beech Class Nativity at 9.30am- parents welcome
- 16th December: St Mary's choir at the Plough at 4.00am.

Attendance Champions

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| Sapling Class | 90.54% |
| Ash Class | 85.35% |
| Beech Class | 97.71% |
| Chestnut Class | 94.69% |
| Elm Class | 98.04% |
| Field Maple Class | 92.63% |
| Grey Willow Class | 89.72% |

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 this week we have started our Advent countdown to Christmas, beginning with reading the Nativity and acting out the different animals we might find in a stable. We are also having fun wrapping Christmas presents!



Ash Class

This week we concluded our RE topic on why is Christmas special to Christians. The children were given opportunities to role-play with Jesus in the manger. Vocabulary used: shepherds, angel, joy, peace, good news, Christian, Christmas, gift.



Beech Class

In English, we started to read a new story called Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present. It was so fun because we were guessing what Father Christmas brought for Harvey. In maths, we started to do subtraction. In RE, we looked at why the wisemen gave baby Jesus presents.



Chestnut Class

In church this week, Rev Anne spoke about Jesus being the light of the world. In Forest School, the children used tools and made their own Christmas tree decorations. We have looked at patterns of 2-D and 3-D shapes to complete our maths unit.



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

Elm Class

Elm Class explored ideas and planned their DT project, made Christingles and discussed the significance of each element. The children also practised football skills, explored types of physical activities and their benefits, planned and wrote a letter to Santa.



Field Maple Class

This week Field Maple children have enjoyed going on their school trip to the Science Museum where we looked at interesting artefacts from Earth and Space and enjoyed an exhibition of Music in Science. We have enjoyed making Christingles and discussing their meaning.



Grey Willow Class

Grey Willow Class enjoyed making Christingles and creating art about what makes us feel joyful. We discussed pilgrimages and reflected on why people choose to complete them. We also analysed poems in English and concluded our fraction unit in maths.



Thought for the week

“Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

- Matthew 15: 28, from full reading Matthew 15:21-31.



Something to think about

The power of faith can be hugely underestimated. Many studies have shown that those with faith or those who have spiritual practices in their lives receive physical and mental benefit from it.

In the encounter between the Canaanite woman and Jesus, there is distress, anxiety and judgement. Even the disciples want the woman to leave Jesus alone, and they ask Jesus to send her away because of her shouting at them. But Jesus knows he was sent for such a situation as this,

and he has time and healing not just for her daughter, but for her. Her faith led her to Jesus, her faith kept her chasing after him, and her faith in his ability to do something about her situation led to a solution. Jesus praises her for her faith and grants her wish that her daughter might be set free from her burden.

Faith has a place in our lives and in our world, because faith, hope and love are powerful things. The Canaanite woman found this to be true, but that was because she had faith in the right thing – faith in Jesus and in his power.

Something to do

So often we find Jesus in the places we least expect or imagine. If you had all the faith in the world, where would it lead you? Maybe you can find the courage today to do something new for God.

Something to pray

God of grace and love, you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world that we might have perfect freedom. Give me the faith I need today, to follow you and do your will.

Amen.



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

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| Wednesday 22 nd November | Field Maple Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome |
| Thursday 23 rd November | Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am |
| Thursday 23 rd November | Field Maple Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome |
| Thursday 23 rd November | Grey Willow at Khalsa School for Guru Nanak's Birthday at 9.00am |
| Wednesday 29 th November | Elm Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome |
| Thursday 30 th November | School Photographs |
| Friday 1 st December | Grey Willow Class Litter Picking-1.30pm |
| Wednesday 6 th December | Chestnut Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome |
| Thursday 7 th December | Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am |
| Thursday 7 th December | Field Maple Class trip to the Science Museum |
| Monday 11 th December | Pantomime |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Carol Singing at Norwood Green Care Home |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Height & Weight for Reception 9.00am |
| Wednesday 13 th December | St Mary's Christmas Fair |
| Friday 15 th December | Reception and Nursery Nativity – parents welcome |
| Saturday 16 th December | Choir at The Plough 4.00pm – parents welcome |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Beech and Chestnut Class Nativity 9.00am – parents welcome |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Christmas lunch |
| Wednesday 20 th December | End of Term (finish at 1.15pm) Christmas Holidays from 20 th December to Monday 8 th January |
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Spring Term

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| Monday 8 th January | Term Starts |
| Wednesday 10 th January | Swimming Elm class 10.00am |
| Thursday 11 th January | Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am |
| Friday 12 th January | Field Maple Class Police talks |
| Wednesday 17 th January | Swimming Elm class 10.00am |
| Wednesday 24 th January | Swimming Elm class 10.00am |
| Wednesday 31 st January | Swimming Elm class 10.00am |
| Friday 2 nd February | Young Voices-St Mary's Choir |
| Thursday 8 th February | Elm Class Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome |
| Friday 9 th February | End of Term-finish at 3.00pm |
| Monday 12 th 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



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FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 3 – 6 FOOTBALL



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Saturday 9th December 1pm-6pm



The Plough Christmas Market

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

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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.





Gentleman's Bake Off

Saturday 16th December
categories: sweet, savoury & puddings

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

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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ISLEWORTH FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

AT ISLEWORTH & SYON SCHOOL

RIDGEWAY ROAD, ISLEWORTH, TW7 5LJ

WHEN: EVERY MONDAY

STARTING: MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

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

MONDAYS:

- Group 1 : School Years Reception & Year 16.00pm-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.unswestcoaching.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 2ND to FRIDAY 5TH 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.

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Dear Parent/Carer

St Mary's Church of England Primary School extra-curricular clubs,

The following extra-curricular clubs will begin week commencing 8th January through to week commencing 25th March 2024:- (excluding half term 12th - 16th February 2024)

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| Monday | Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 | Multi- sports | 8 th January 25 th March 2024 (11wks) | 3:15pm-4:15pm | £55.00 |
| Friday | Years 3-6 | Football | 12 th January - 22 nd March 2024 (10wks) | 3:15pm-4:15pm | £50.00 |

All clubs will now be available to book online through our PSD website on a first come first serve basis.

There will be a maximum of 20 spaces available for each club (minimum 12 for club to take place). Please visit www.thepsdgroup.org.uk to book your child's place.

Clubs are open to boys and girls of all abilities the coaching programme introduces young players to the fundamentals of sport. Coaching sessions aim to improve ability, build confidence, and emphasize the importance of sportsmanship whilst maintaining a realistic perspective of competition.

All sessions delivered by qualified PSD staff, first aid trained, child-protection educated and hold relevant DBS checks.

Player of the week certificates will be presented at the end of the session.

Please note: Every effort will be made to ensure the club runs outside on the playground. If however, the weather prevents the session going ahead, a classroom theory based session will take place. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing to keep them warm in the colder months.

Kind regards

The PSD Group