

Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents and Governors,

**Well done and Congratulations to the children in Nursery and Year 1 classes for their Readathon efforts.** They have been rewarded for their efforts with a non-school uniform day. As mentioned last week, our Annual Readathon raised nearly £10,000, which is amazing and a testament to the children's hard work and efforts and the sponsorship efforts of families and friends.

**I know parents are busy organizing and selling raffle tickets for the Winter Gala.** Ticket sales are usually on Fridays at drop off points. **Colleagues from St John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust (SJSCAT) will also be joining myself and Mr Bowles on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to experience this wonderful event provided by our community. Please join us if you can.

Recent fundraising from our wonderful school association have helped to fund our **school therapist, improve our classrooms, subsidise school trips and means we can maintain our specialist teachers**, amongst others. Thank you for helping us keep our curriculum enhanced as much as possible.

**The children will be soon rehearsing their carol concerts and nativities to share with their families in December.** Dates are below and our website, under the calendar tab. Thank you in advance for helping children to remember lines and songs!

As always, we aim to provide children across the school with an enriched curriculum, to enhance and supplement our curriculum offer. **Thank you to parents for their support, whether it be walking to and from Forest School or Maida Vale Library or others.** I know Mrs. Harrington is in the process of reminding parents to make payments for trips. Many of our trips are subsidized by the School Association but we do ask for contributions. Please make payments promptly. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Feedback from this term's **after school club offering** has been positive, and as Mr Bowles and I walk around the school at the end of the day, we are pleased that many of the children are taking part. **In particular, I know the orchestra club has been very popular, I think we can add another club to offer to even more children in January. We will share the next term's clubs in the next fortnight so parents can book and plan accordingly.**

Thank you so much for helping us with the coat Drive, where we help Chesterton's Maida Vale provide coats for the homeless every year. The Donations should be sent to the school office until next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Many children have been asking about Mathletics in recent weeks. Mrs. Morrin has been busy ensuring all children in years 1-6 have passwords and logins. Some year groups set individual tasks and some use this resource for independent study. Indeed, many children often astound us with their amazing scores. QR Codes, passwords, logins will be send home early next week. Please do email Mr. Bowles if there are any issues with passwords.

**Calling all Y5 and Y6 parents:** Y5 and Y6 pupils have been invited to participate in Carols of Comfort & Joy as part of the Westminster Schools **Singing Programme Christmas Showcase at Westminster Cathedral on 25th November 2023**. The link below will take you to a leaflet for Y5 and Y6 parents. **I would urge all Y5 and Y6 parents** to follow the link below and participate in this wonderful, Westminster event. I look forward to seeing you all there! <https://forms.gle/QKXUMmKP7jy2291L9>

**During my walks around school, as I observe lessons and see what children are doing across the school and indeed, welcome visitors to do the same, I am reminded of the wonderful work that takes place.** Recent visitors to our school have commented on the behaviour and manners of the children as well as the dedication of the staff here. Children are a reflection of their role models, here in school and most importantly, parents and families at home. I would like to ask parents to help us in our drive to make the children as independent as they can be. Whether it is Nursery children putting their coats on, older children remembering how to tie their shoes and simply packing their bags for school the next day, these skills are invaluable and mean that, together with the education they receive at school, they become independent and confident members of the world today.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Dr. N Viana  
Mr. k Bowles

<b>MERITS AND AWARDS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>MERIT</b>	<b>AWARDS</b>
REC1 Miss Chani	Federico	Luna
REC2 Miss Diriye	Susanna	Ricardo
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Alyssa	Chloe
PINK2 Mr Starbuck	Julia	Simon
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Louie	Joshua
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	-	-
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Elisa	Loic
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	-	-
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Zack	Miah

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
Nursery	90.2	0.4
RECEPTION 1	85.0	0.6
RECEPTION 2	88.2	0.6
Y1 PINK 1	97.0	1.3
Y1/2 PINK 2	93.8	0.3
Y2 PINK 3	100.0	0.4
Y3 BLUE 1	95.5	1.6
Y4 BLUE 3	97.1	1.6
Y5 VIOLET 1	96.5	1.7
Y6 VIOLET 3	95.8	0.7
Totals	94.5	0.9

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

### November

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

Library visiting EYFS

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Spirituality Day KS1 & KS2

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Feast of St. Cecilia

Violet 1 Library visit

Y5 & Y6 team Netball competition @ Paddington Rec' 9:30am – 2pm

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Pink 1 Year 1 visiting Forest School am

Pink 2 Year 1/2 visiting Forest School pm

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Pink 1 Year 1 Library visit

### December

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Rec 1 visiting Forest School am  
Rec 2 visiting Forest School pm  
Primary School Enhancement Day 5 children @ SJSCAT teaching alliance

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SJSA WINTER GALA**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

EYFS & KS1 Advent Assembly with Fr Alex (pupils only)  
Advent Mass – Y3 Blue 1 & Y4 Blue 3 10am @Church of Our Lady

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Advent Mass – Y5 Violet 1 & Year 6 Violet 3 10am @Church of Our Lady

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Rec visiting ZSL London Zoo  
Pink 3 visiting ZSL London Zoo  
Violet 3 visiting Library

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pink 1 visiting ZSL London Zoo  
Pink 2 visiting ZSL London Zoo

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

EYFS Nativity @ 9:30am  
Y6 visiting Leonora House to sing Carols  
KS2 Carol Service 6pm @ Church of Our Lady's

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Nativity @ 9:30am  
KS1 Nativity @ 2pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Littlest Christmas Elf workshop - EYFS

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

School Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Class Christmas parties & Christmas jumper day.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

School ends 1:30pm