

# St Mary's Church of England School Newsletter 12 – 29th November 2019

## This Week's News:

On Wednesday pupils from Tring Park School came to deliver a lively performance which was entertaining and informed the children all about states of matter.

At St Mary's we are working hard to develop science learning. Following on from Tring Park's visit, the whole school is undertaking a piece of homework to help the children realise how important science is and how it is used in our day to day lives.

Starting this month, we will be adding an experiment to our newsletter for you to try at home with your children. They will be simple and (where possible) use everyday ingredients. This way you will get to engage with your children in their learning, whilst having fun at the same time!

If you would like to take photos of your children completing the experiment then please email them to the school office. We would love to see them!

Please see separate page for the science experiment.

## Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

The Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper on that day with their school skirt or trousers. The deadline for ordering the lunch is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## Christmas Production Tickets

Christmas Production Tickets are available to order via ParentMail Forms for the KS1 and Year 3 productions. Please see the diary dates for the deadlines to order. We work strictly on two tickets per family due to health and safety dictated by the capacity in the hall.

## Learning Power Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Richie S, Harry L, James H, Dexter B, Tyler S, Noah R, Morgan R, Finn B, Aaiden B, Dominik S, Ramzi B, Dixant C, Christian A.

## Star of the Week

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Nikhil S, Harry H, Belle B, Nina O, Sophie M, Savannah M, Alex H, Tinashe M, Jonathan C, Sasha B, Emma D, Erin P, Liam G.

## HERO Attendance Bear

This week the class with the best overall attendance is 3I with 100%. 3I will therefore be awarded the Attendance Bear to keep for the week.

## Lunchtime Award

This week the class who have won the Lunchtime Award is 3I. This has been awarded for excellent lunchtime behaviour.

## House Points

This week's results	Number of points	Running Total
Lee	346	1365
Cook	274	1022
Rothschild	223	1050
Hampden	197	930

The house with the most points at the end of the term will win a Mufti Day.

## After School Clubs

All teacher led clubs and gymnastics have now finished for Christmas. Game On will continue until the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Request From EYFS

EYFS would be very grateful for any donations of scrap paper, card or craft resources. Many thanks.

## PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA Christmas Fayre is on Saturday between 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Please do come along to join in the festive fun and help raise important funds for our school.

## EYFS Nativity Productions

The Nursery and EYFS Nativities are taking place next week. Please remember to bring along your tickets. There are no spare tickets available for the morning performance on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> but there is limited availability for the afternoon performance on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. If there are any additional requests for tickets for the Tuesday, please contact the school office.

## PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Deadline for ordering KS1 Christmas Production Tickets  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> **PTA Christmas Fayre 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

### DECEMBER

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Deadline for ordering Yr3 Christmas Production Tickets  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nursery and EYFS Nativity 2.00pm  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nursery and EYFS Nativity 9.30am  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Y6 Holdenby House  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Y4 Christingle Service 4.30pm Fairford Leys Church  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Space Centre Visit  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Concert 2.00pm  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Concert 9.30am  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Y3 Carol Concert 9.15am  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Y3 Carol Concert 2.30pm  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Carol Concert 7.00pm Fairford Leys Church  
Thurs 19<sup>TH</sup> **LAST DAY OF TERM**

### JANUARY 2020

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> **INSET DAY**  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> **SCHOOL OPENS**  
**START OF SPRING TERM**

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## Science Experiment

### Make your own lava lamp!

#### You will need:

An empty water bottle  
Vegetable oil  
Water  
Food colouring of your choice  
Alka seltzer tablets

1. Fill the empty bottle 2/3 full with oil.
2. Fill the rest with water, leaving a small amount of space at the top.

Notice that the water sinks below the vegetable oil. Oil and water do not mix. The oil floats on the surface because the water is heavier (has a higher density) than oil.

3. Now add a few drops of food colouring. This will mix with the water but not the oil.
4. Stir the mixture carefully, do not shake the bottle!
5. When you are ready, break an Alka-seltzer tablet into four pieces. Drop these into the bottle one at a time.

Have fun watching what happens! The best part is that your homemade lava lamp will work over and over again. You can even screw on the little plastic cap and break it out a few days later for fun. All you need is more Alka-seltzer.

#### Why does it work?

When you drop in the alka seltzer, it sinks to the bottom and starts dissolving. As it dissolves, it forms a gas which rises to the top and takes a little of the coloured water with it. The gas bubble breaks on the surface and the coloured water sinks back to the bottom.

