



St Barnabas' School Newsletter



A message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This week we have been learning about the season of Advent which starts this Sunday, 2nd December. We talked about the season of Advent and its importance in the Liturgical Calendar. We also recapped what each of the candles on an Advent Wreath symbolise—hope, peace, love and joy. Over the next few weeks we will be delving further into Advent - the season of waiting and preparing for a very special arrival.

As part of our preparation, there is a whole school Christmas Challenge. Can the children design and make a special decoration which can be hung from our beautiful, real-life Christmas tree in the hall? We will be decorating the tree next week and one pupil from each class will be chosen to help.

In the run up to Christmas there will be an increased amount of communication that goes out with children at the end of the day. Please make sure that you check with your child about what they were given so that nothing important is missed and you/your child doesn't miss out. Check our website too!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Catrin Cunnington



Christmas Diary Dates



Sunday 2nd December - Choir performance - Elizabeth Street Market at 1pm

Friday 7th December - St Barnabas' Christmas Market 3:30—4:30pm

Tuesday 11th December - Choir performance at the Church for the community

Thursday 13th December - Choir performance at the Church for the Police

Tuesday 18th December - KS2 Christmas Performance at 2pm

Wednesday 19th December - EYFS&KS1 Nativity at 2pm

Thursday 20th December—Children's Christmas Lunch and class party (with a special guest visitor!)

Friday 21st December—2:30pm End of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 8th January 2019—Spring Term 1

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance:

Congratulations to **Belgravia** who topped the table with **99%**.

Year 6 - Belgravia — 99%
Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 98%
Year 2 - Ebury — 97.8%
Year 5 - Sloane — 96.6%
Year 3 - Eccleston — 91.4%
Reception - Pimlico — 83%
Year 1 - Chelsea — 73.8%
Nursery— Ranelagh— 72%

Punctuality:

Year 5 - Sloane — 98.3%
Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 98%
Reception - Pimlico — 98%
Year 3 - Eccleston — 97.9%
Year 2 - Ebury — 97.8%
Year 6 - Belgravia — 97.6%
Year 1 —Chelsea —97.5%
Nursery - Ranelagh — 94.9%



Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!

Please make sure that your child is on time for school every day, as being late seriously affects their learning. Thank you.



Star of the Week



This week's stars of the week are as follows:

Nursery - Razam	Reception - Elyssa	Year 1 - Brwa	Year 2 - Celia
Year 3 - Demetri	Year 4 - Bayan	Year 5 - Elsa	Year 6 - Nana



School Uniform



Even though we are now in the latter half of the term, we still need to take pride in our school uniform.

Over the past couple of weeks we have noticed that standards are slipping somewhat. Please make sure that uniform is clean and presentable.

Trainers are not to be worn unless there is a valid reason and this is in written form.



Preparation for Christmas!



EYFS and KS1 will be performing 'A King is Born' - a traditional nativity.

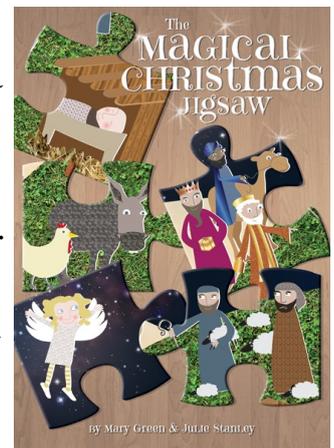
KS2 will be performing 'A Magical Christmas Jigsaw' - set in modern times but with flashbacks to retell the Christmas Story.

All the children have been given their role in the performances and will have it with them for the weekend.

If there are lines to learn please help your child to learn them at home by lots of little practice sessions.

We all had a sing-a-long to the songs from each show and the children already sound brilliant!

We can't wait to get into proper rehearsals in the afternoons to come!



Christmas Market—NEXT Friday, 7th Dec.



From cheesy Christmas stars to festive fudge and shimmering snowmen to radiant Rudolfs—all our classes next week will be very busy creating the decorations and baked goodies which will be sold at our very first Christmas Market.

We hope to hold it outside, centred around our amazing Christmas Tree which has been donated by one of our partners. If not, it will be held in the hall which we will transform into a sparkling wonderland.

Either way—COME! Purchase a festive item and keep warm with a delicious hot chocolate. All are welcome and we would love to see you to start the celebrations for this festive time of year. 3:30—4:30pm!