

SMA News

This Sunday is the third Sunday in Advent. The third candle is the pink one and stands for Joy in our world.



Upcoming Events

Friday 13th December

PTA Christmas market—after school in the playground

Please bring your money 🙌

Monday 16th December

ASC Christmas Party
KS2 Carol Service in church 7pm

Tuesday 17th December

EYFS Nativity Play in school 9.15am

Thursday 19th December

Choral speaking Assembly (KS2) 9.10am
Carol singing at Morrisons 6pm

Friday 20th December

WS Mass (9.15am) in school. Followed by Mince pies and tea/coffee for invited guests and helpers of the school.

No After School, Club tonight.
School finishes at 3.15pm

Monday 6th January 2020

School re opens for all staff and children.

The feast of the Epiphany

And Finally...

Next Thursday is our annual carol singing at Morrisons Store in Aldridge. We usually raise approximately £80-£100 for charity. It would be lovely to see those who can spare a thought for others at this time of year, joining us to sing in the festive season. Mr Leek and Mrs Amann have already given their promises.

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ADVENT BUILD UP

The list continues from last week:

- ◆ 13/12: PTA Christmas Market (3.15pm)
- ◆ 16/12: After School Club Christmas Party
- ◆ 16/12: SMA Carol Service (KS2) in church - 7pm
- ◆ 17/12: EYFS "Shine Star Shine" Nativity 9.15am in hall
- ◆ 18/12: KS2 Christmas Parties.
- ◆ 19/12: Choral Speaking Assembly for KS2 9.10am & EYFS/KS1 Parties
- ◆ 19/12: KS2 Carol Singing at 6pm in Morrisons (for charity)
- ◆ 20/12: Whole School Mass (9.10am) followed by Tea/Coffee for all of our helpers and friends of SMA.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



LET OUR JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT PREPARE US TO RECEIVE THE TINY BABY INTO OUR HEARTS AND MINDS, LIKE MARY AND JOSEPH DID.



Congratulations and reminders

Our Christmas tree is heavily laden with lovely presents for those less fortunate than ourselves. Many thanks. Please keep them coming.

Thank you also for the gifts which are dribbling in as part of our reverse advent calendars. We continue to be amazed at your generosity.

We have much to congratulate the children (and staff) for, this week. Our "Wriggly Nativity" charmed the 100+ strong audience on both performances. We raised in excess of £200 also, from the donations you gave. This will go into school fund, so thank you, on behalf of the children. And really well done to all of our Y1 and Y2 children. We were really proud of you.

Congratulations, also to our School Council, who donned their Science coats to act as science ambassadors at our "Science Extravaganza" last Friday. We were proud of you, too— and all of the children. Thanks Mrs Steele.

A massive thank you to our PTA who got us all feeling really Christmassy, last Friday; the atmosphere in the hall was a pleasure to be part of. News of the actual total will follow, once it has been added to the Christmas Market planned at the end of tomorrow.

We look forward to our Musical assembly this afternoon and our choral speaking assembly, next week.

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Next Monday, we have our annual Carol Service in the church. It is always a lovely, prayerful reminder of the gospel readings, which lead us through the journey to Bethlehem. The children have been magnificent, practising in difficult circumstances, despite the rain; despite competing for the church with many others and despite a general election slightly occupying the church today! We look forward to a lovely evening on Monday— 7pm. Children will need to be in the church by 6.45 pm please. I know that it is always well attended. See you there.

Thanks to Mahoney's garden centre for the gorgeous tree in the school hall— provided free of charge—as always. The children have written to thank them also.

Well done to Early Years for their reverence today, at church— dodging the showers to share their advent thoughts and prayers. We look forward to their Nativity, next Tuesday morning, in school, at 9.15am.

Thanks to Mr Terry for his expertise in filming the "Wriggly Nativity" for us; payments for a copy of the DVD can now be made, via *The School Gateway*, at a cost of £3 until 20/12/19.

Payments for toast and milk, for next term, can also be paid now via *The School Gateway*.

Christmas Lunch was a lively affair today; with several renditions of, "I wish it could be Christmas every day". Huge thanks to Mrs Howlett, Mrs Logan and Mrs Hand for their hard work. It tasted beautiful.