



Saint Jérôme Times

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2017

Head of School News



This week in worship we talked about our school's reverse advent calendar. We talked about traditional advent calendars, looking at the one on the right which was a present from Mr Norris. We then

thought about giving to those who might be in need at this time of year and how our reverse advent calendar will work to help other people. The picture on the left was our box after only 2 days - it is overflowing now. We have all been overwhelmed by your generosity. We will be handing on your donations week on week until Wednesday 13th December so please keep bringing in items for our reverse advent calendar.



It was lovely to see some families at Holy Trinity School last week, having fun at their Christmas Bazaar. I know Mr Norris enjoyed greeting you at the entrance and I enjoyed chatting to families in the hall and watching our Saint Jérôme children decorating gingerbread men! Thank you for your support.

Plans are well under way for the PTFA Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 16th December from 11am until 3pm. A lot of hard work goes into planning the stalls and arranging timetables, please do volunteer to support this important event in the PTFA calendar. As they say, 'many hands make light work'. They need volunteers to: set up the rooms and the stalls, help during the time we are 'open' and then clear up afterwards. I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Thank you to all those parents who helped us walk to St. John's on Tuesday. Barry reminded us all about the importance of respect, who we should respect and how we can show respect. We look forward to visiting again on Tuesday 5th December.

Wishing you a happy weekend. **Mrs Walton**



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ayden & Dhruvi
Arnav & Andrei



KINDNESS AWARDS

Kelisha & Elareiss
Anaijah-Rae & Sadaf



DIAMOND LEARNERS

Dev & Josiah
Alexandra & Sarah-Marie

School Lunches



As you will be aware, The Pantry regularly send email reminders requesting that all children's school meals are ordered prior to the 9 am daily deadline. Whilst many parents order in advance for half a term, these reminders are invaluable for ensuring consistent catering provision, especially after a school holiday. Any child whose parent has not ordered will be given a jacket potato option. It is vital, therefore, for parents' co-operation to ensure they have ordered a school lunch for their child(ren). When using The Pantry website and ordering lunches for more than one child, please ensure the dates/meal options selected are saved for each child separately. Valuable learning time is lost when staff have to work out whose order is missing. Please would everyone order all meals until Christmas and ensure they are all saved correctly. Thank you for your assistance.

Start & end of the day update

From Monday 27th November, we will be welcoming the Year 1 pupils into school a different way. All Year 1 pupils should come to the far side of the playground (near the old Blue Class' wooden steps) where a member of staff will be there to welcome them by the stairwell door. The pupils will then walk up to their classrooms and get ready for the day.

At the end of the day, Turner class will still come out of the door they have used all term. Please could Turner class parents come right onto the playground and wait for their child to be dismissed. Stubbs Class will now come out of the new "morning" door (i.e. near the old Blue Class' wooden steps), please move towards this area of the playground to meet your child.

We thank you for your support and hope that this new set up will help everyone and ensure a smoother and quicker start to learning in the mornings.

Mrs Walton

News from Madame Chadier

Reception and Yr1 children have been busy this week preparing some Art and songs in French for Noël, so we can't tell you any more: c'est une surprise !

Mme Chadier

News from EYFS

Reception have been working very hard on their learning - looking at the book 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. They are coming home today with their high frequency words, 'tricky' words, letter formation sheets, group 2 sounds and their individual name cards. Please look at these with your child on a regular basis.

EYFS team

Key Stage One Classroom News

What another great week Year 1 have had. We've enjoyed listening to 'The Shopping Basket' story and writing lists of the different characters, events and settings. In Maths, we've reinforced our learning of measuring and investigated measuring our hand spans and different objects using non-standard units of measurement.

This week, your child has brought home Year 1 high frequency words to learn. Please help your child to recognise the words and begin to spell the words correctly. There are also number bonds to 10 and 20, as well as a hundred square to help your child with their number bonds and number patterns.

We are also preparing for the Christmas Nativity and your child has some lines to learn. Please help your child to learn the words off by heart and encourage them to use their clear, loud voice.

Many thanks for your continued support. **Mrs Isherwood & the KS1 Team**

Future Diary Dates

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| Fri. 8th Dec. | Music performance to parents (9am) (Letter to follow) |
| Tues. 12th Dec | Nativity Dress Rehearsal (2pm) (Letter to follow) |
| Wed. 13th Dec. | Nativity to parents (9:30am or 2pm) (Letter to follow) |
| Tues. 19th Dec. | Christmas Service at St. John's |
| Wed. 20th Dec. | Charity Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wed. 20th Dec. | Christmas Lunch Day |

Attendance

At this time of year we all start to think about warmer days and planning summer holidays. As you know the school operates a very strict policy regarding exceptional leave in term time which is fully supported by our Governing Body. We are fortunate at St Jerome to have very supportive parents/carers but the school does have a duty to remind parents of the Attendance and Punctuality Policy, which is available on request and on our website, it states:

"Where exceptional leave is taken which has not been authorised by the Headteacher, the school supports such action by the Local Authority who may impose a fixed penalty notice of £60 per child, per parent. In the event of non-payment, the fine will increase to £120 per child, per parent. Thereafter, a summons will be issued from the magistrate's court which could result in prosecution.

Every child is entitled to 190 days education each year. Unicef Article 28 - Rights Respecting Schools: Every child has the right to an education.

Our term dates are also available on the website but if parents are in any doubt they should contact the school office to clarify.