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St Mary's Newsletter 10.11.23

It was lovely to see so many parents attending parents evening this week! It is a pleasure to share the children's achievements.

Thank you for supporting our partnership to ensure that your children make the most of their potential.

As we approach the cold weather, please ensure your child has everything with them for the start of the school day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

The School's Act of Remembrance Today

The whole school observed a two minutes silence following The Last Post performed by Gary Curtin of The Love Music Trust





All Saints Mass

All Saints' Day is celebrated annually on November 1 in the Catholic Church. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church. Thank to Father Peter, Deacon Chris and Deacon Tony for celebrating Mass with us.





Savio House

Please can we remind parents that:

Year 4 Savio House Trip Date: 22 Nov 2023 £115.00

Balance Due Date is: 16 Nov 2023

Chapel Group

Chapel group has reverted to its previous time which is Tuesday from 8 am - 8.30 am. Pupils from Reception to Year 6 can attend. We pray together, do some art and craft and have time for reflection.

Online Safety

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Across our school during the first half term, we were focused on helping our children to develop understanding and skills related to keeping safe online. These have included: creating safe passwords, knowing what spam emails are and how to communicate responsibly on platforms such as WhatsApp.

In an ever-changing digital world, it is not always easy to know how we can best protect and educate our children about using the internet safely and responsibly. We are therefore providing a link to an online webinar that it taking place on **Thursday 23rd November at 7pm**. It is free, with no passwords needed and the link is:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8 9mhZx8-ZE

These guides may also be useful to understand how to stay safer online and the types

of useful conversations you can have at home.

https://natterhub.com/blog/complete-online-safety-guide-for-key-stage-1 https://natterhub.com/blog/complete-online-safety-guide-for-key-stage-2

PTA Discos

Time to get dressed up and have a bop! The popular school discos are back. Put 29th November in your diary. The teachers will collect the cash from pupils and create a log of everyone who pays so that they can form a register for each disco to give to the PTA to avoid confusion on the door on the night. We are very grateful to the PTA for all their fundraising efforts. The PPT from the recent AGM will be available shortly on the website so you can see how much they support the school.



Music Festival

The annual Music Festival attended by all the Catholic feeder Primary Schools takes place at St Nicholas High School on 16th November. 34 children have signed up and we have given final numbers to St Nicholas High School. Pupils are transported by bus, arranged by the High School, at 2 pm so they can practise prior to the concert and are given a light tea before the performance. Parents need to collect their child from the performance afterwards.

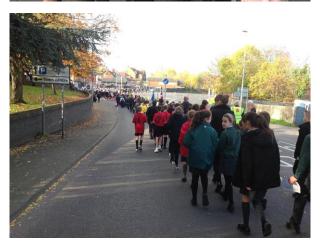
It is a great experience and the quality of the performances by primary school children, St Nicholas' choir and St Nicholas' staff choir is always excellent.

Remembrance Parade

We look forward to seeing children and parents at the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12th November. The parade will form up at 10. 20 am and will march off at 10.30 am sharp from the Royal British Legion.







Middlewich Lights Switch On

Schools Together Advent Celebration

Saturday 25th November at **5 pm** in St Michael's Church.

All Primary age children are invited to 'come and sing' as part of a combined children's choir.

Afterwards, Middlewich Town Council is organising a light parade as part of the Christmas Light Switch On. This will start off at Home Bargains, Travel down Queen Street and arrive at the Christmas tree just before the official switch on at 7 pm

So come along to St Michael's then join the parade leaving from Home Bargains.

Elf Run

The annual sponsored Elf Run will take place on Wednesday 6th December. All children will need to wear their PE kit this day.

Each child will receive an elf's hat and a pot of porridge supplied by St Luke's Hospice which they can take home with them afterwards.

We appreciate that families may be struggling with the cost of living so all children will receive their hat regardless of whether parents/carers return the sponsor forms which will be sent home with each child.



Diary Dates

Thursday 16 th November	Choir Festival of Music at St Nicholas High School
Wed 22 nd – Fri 24 th November	Year 4 Savio House Residential Year 5 to go swimming in place of Year 4 on Wednesday 22 nd November 2023
Wednesday 6 th December	Elf Run – All children to wear their PE Kit
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch School Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December	Whole School Panto Northwich Memorial Hall
Tuesday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas – 20 th December to 2 nd January 2024
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	School Opens

Stars of the week



Well done to you all!

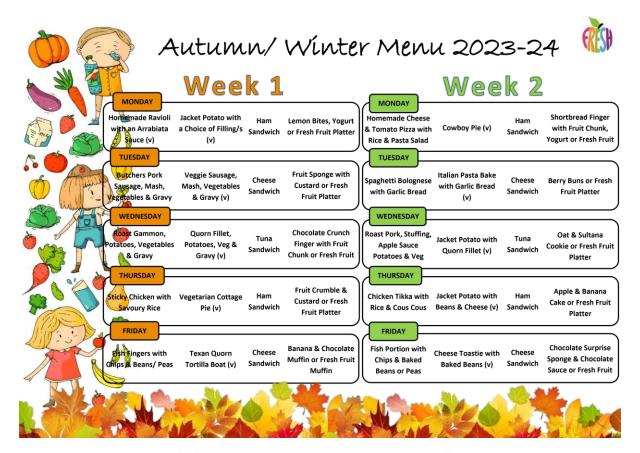
Reception	Laura Szabla
Year 1	Rachel Szymczak-Barnes
Year 2	Olivia Sorbjan
Year 3	Leo Price
Year 4	Jenson Ward
Year 5	Macey-Leigh Richardson
Year 6	Rhys Fittes
After School Club	Rory Whelan

Spotlight on Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK:	YEAR 5
WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK:	93.3
RECEPTION	95.9
YEAR 1	83.8
YEAR 2	93.8
YEAR 3	93.2
YEAR 4	91.0
YEAR 5	98.5
YEAR 6	95.2



Autumn / Winter Menu 2023-24





Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 13th December 2023 we will be having our school Christmas Lunch.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to this meal free of charge.

For other Year Groups, the cost of the school Christmas Lunch is £2.50 and payment needs to be made by ParentPay, www.parentpay.com¹

If your child **WILL NOT** be having a Christmas Lunch on this day, please can you advise the school office so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.



Important Reminder - ParentPay Accounts

As we finish this week, please ensure your ParentPay accounts are in credit by the end of today.

If you are in arrears with your school meals next week, you will be required to bring in a packed lunch for your child.

Contact Us

Absence

¹http://www.parentpay.com/

• Reporting an absence, please ring 01606 516 171 & select option 1, by 9am latest each day. State child's full name, class and reason for absence.

Email finance@stmrc.uk² for:

- ParentPay & School Club queries
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