

St Clement & St James CE Primary School



Newsletter - Friday 7 December 2018

This week...

What a wet and windy week we have had! We started our week with the build up to Christmas and a collective worship about Advent. We thought about making a space in our hearts for God and how we can be thankful for the festivities ahead. We discussed the anticipated arrival of baby Jesus and all the excitement that this brings. The school has been filled with glorious singing and children are diligently practising their lines for our Nativity productions. Please make sure that you are aware of the dates and timings for the Carol Concert and Nativity performances.

Today is the last day of our fabulous book fair. Thank you to all who attended and bought a book. Thank you also to Year 6 children who helped to run the after school sessions in the hall. A big thank you also to P3 who donated gifts along with the fabulous Christmas tree which the children have been feverishly decorating!

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Best wishes, Ellie and Sarah

CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who demonstrated excellent behaviour or learning this week:

Early Years Unit	Malachi Mahmoud
Year 1	Gold Silver
Year 2	Meron Horatio
Year 3	Hind Anisa
Year 4	Quin Omar
Year 5	JC Eliana
Year 6	Maya Zach

Top Table

These children have shown good manners at lunchtime and will be a guest on Top Table next Friday.

Year 1	Ibrahim
Year 2	Ryan
Year 3	Glorianne
Year 4	Charlie
Year 5	Hanna
Year 6	Mariam



Our beautiful
Christmas Tree
donated by P3 and
decorated by the
children.



School meals and packed lunches

School meals are ordered on a weekly basis and this means that we only order the required amount each week.

Your child's school meal choice is fixed from Monday to Friday. Should you wish to change your child's meal choice please speak to Lisa in the office and give us one weeks notice of the change.

If a child whose choice is a packed lunch forgets to bring it, the school will make them a sandwich for which you will be charged. We are not able to provide them with a cooked school meal as these are limited to the amount that we have ordered in advance.

Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	90%	91.1%	95.5%	94.4%	94%	99.6%	97%
Punctuality	14	0	4	7	6	5	3

Year 5 had the highest attendance with 99.6%.
Well done Year 1 all children were on time this week.

We are sorry to inform you that John will be away from school for the next few weeks for personal reasons. We wish John all the best and hope you respect his privacy.

Exciting Writing

We have embarked on a new approach to writing throughout the school because we want our children to be *even more* creative and confident with their writing. The children will have more opportunities to orally rehearse their ideas and will act out interesting scenarios so that their compositions are well thought out and planned. They will be recording their ideas on whiteboards and drafting compositions so that they are of a high standard. As a result of this approach, you may see less entries in your child's English books but the writing that you do see, will be of a higher quality.

Prayer Space

Miss Stefanou has set up our prayer space today. Prayer spaces in schools enable children and families, of all faiths and none, to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. Taking a Christian perspective as a starting point, prayer spaces give children and young people an opportunity to develop skills of personal reflection and to explore prayer in an open, inclusive and safe environment. Parents and carers are welcome to use this space. Please enquire at the office if you would like to visit.



Dates for your diary

Wed 12 Dec 4-5.30pm - Christmas celebration party for all children, parents & carers



Thur 13 Dec 10am - KS1 Nativity performance

Fri 14 Dec 10am - EYFS Nativity performance

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TICKETS FOR ALL NATIVITY PERFORMANCES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Tues 18 Dec 6pm - KS2 Christmas carol concert

Thur 20 Dec - School Christmas lunch

Thur 20 Dec - Last day of P3 playcentre

Fri 21 Dec - Last day of school
Finish at 2pm

We are extremely excited to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the Foyle Foundation of £5,000 towards fiction books for our KS2 children! With this sensational news, we have decided to develop a brand new library upstairs for our readers. This will be in development throughout the rest of this school year. A letter will be sent home next week with more information on how you can get involved!

