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A Message from the Head Teacher

The Christmas trees have arrived in school today ready for the start of our Christmas events in school from next week. There are a few events that parents are welcome to attend; Rocksteady Christmas Concert—children who learn instruments with Rocksteady. Friday 15th December 9.10 Celebration followed by performance.

School Choir Carol Concert Wednesday 20th December 4.30p.m. please note that this is the school choir and not the church choir.

Church Service 21st December 11.00a.m. —please note that we do not currently have a Rector so this will be school led.

Year 2 Nativity 22nd December 9.15a.m.

It is the school Christmas parties on the 20th and 21st December. Due to a rising number of pupils with food allergies or intolerance we are asking that party food for your child is sent into school on the day of their party on a paper plate or wrapped in disposable materials e.g foil/clingfilm. Children will then only eat their own party food and will not share with others. Please no nuts. The children will have access to squash to drink and do not need to bring additional drinks.

Well done to the school choir who opened the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church this afternoon. They sang beautifully.

Thank you to everyone who sent in contributions for the church or Save the Children.

The Wednesday workshop was once again well attended. Next week's session is Year 3 maths (13th) This will be the last Wednesday workshop of the term.

An issue with booking the Christmas lunch on line has been logged with the company who are rectifying the situation.

Have a great weekend

Christmas Dates

Christmas Times Table/Number Rock
Star Day 15th December

Rocksteady Concert after Celebration
certificates 15th December

Christmas Poem Day 18th

December

Children's Christmas Lunch 19th De-
cember—please book in the usual
way

KS1 Christmas Party 20th
December

Carol Concert School Choir 20th
December 4.30p.m.

Church 11.00a.m. 21st December

KS2 Party 21st December

Year 2 Nativity 22nd December

Talent Show 22nd December



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Birmingham Local Authority have shared the information below. We are not currently aware of any cases of Measles in our school.

Important Measles/MMR Update for schools/early years settings and parents/carers

Measles cases have been confirmed locally in Birmingham. Measles outbreaks can happen when not enough children have been vaccinated.

Education settings are asked to pass the below information to parents and encourage them to check that their child has been vaccinated. Parents can check the personal child health record (the Red Book) or if this doesn't help, speak to their GP surgery. Parents can contact their GP surgery to catch their child up, at any age, or indeed, for themselves.

About measles

Measles is highly infectious (it can spread easily from person to person). While most people recover completely within a couple of weeks, measles can cause serious illness and in rare cases it can be fatal. Vaccination with **two doses of MMR** is the only way to give people maximum protection.

The **first signs of measles** are:

- high temperature
- runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- cough
- red, sore, watery eyes
- rash usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to rest of the body)

Measles can cause complications, especially in certain at-risk groups that include babies and small children, pregnant women and people with weak immunity.

FURTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The MMR vaccine

If your child has not received **2 doses of MMR vaccination** as part of their childhood immunisation programme, you should take up the offer of the MMR vaccine for your child now. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact your GP to check.

The MMR vaccination is the best way to protect against measles as it is:

- effective,
- safe and
- free of charge.



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The vaccine provides effective protection against three diseases – measles, mumps and rubella. The first dose of MMR is given soon after the first birthday. A second dose is normally given before school entry. However, you can have the MMR vaccine at any age. If either you or your child are not fully protected against measles (two doses of MMR), you can contact your GP surgery to arrange vaccination. It is never too late to get vaccinated. Two doses of MMR are required to produce satisfactory protection against measles, mumps and rubella. If your family avoids pork, a MMR vaccine is available that does not contain any pork products.

This is especially important when measles is circulating because any child or adult who has not had **at least one dose of MMR** and comes into contact with a person with measles will have to be **excluded from nursery, school or work for 21 days and stay at home.**

What to do if you think your child has measles

If your child develops symptoms, you should contact your GP. You must contact the surgery by telephone before visiting and tell the reception staff that you think that your child may have measles and not attend the surgery unless you are asked to. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that, if they have measles, they won't pass it to others.

People with measles will remain infectious, and so be able to pass on the disease to others **for 4 days after the start of the rash.** Therefore, it is important that anyone with measles stays away from nursery, school, group activities, gatherings or anywhere with people outside of the household during that time.

Further information on the MMR vaccine can be found on the NHS website:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>



Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work on Friday 15 December 2023.

Parent/Carers are welcome to attend.

This week's St Mary's Superstars are:

Early Years

Nur - An, Manikkuwadu

RM - Rajdeep RJ - Sienna

Key Stage 1

1J - Hawrast 1N - Orion

2M - Sukmani 2R - Amelia

Key Stage 2

3H - Dat 3S - Ayaan

4FT - Ummayah 4H - Syon

5SH - Aayat 5W - Mohammed

6B - Devina 6CS - Ariz

6W - Rayda

Mathematician of the Week

These certificates will be given to children in their classroom by the Maths lead each Thursday

Early Years

Nur - Siyana, Ayla

RM - Kyra RJ - Mame-Diara

Key Stage 1

1J - Terry 1N - Yusra

2M - Dijonae 2R - Haroon

Key Stage 2

3H - Julian 3S - Haniya

4FT - Phiyah-Loren 4H - Ayat

5SH - Imaan 5W - Ali

6B - Malaika 6CS - Efeosa

6W - Martha

Theme of the week

Messenger from God

For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken.

John 12:49

Our British Values

for the following week will be;

The rule of law—understanding the rules set in place for everyone and why they are important.



Kind and Thoughtful

Our anti-bullying strategies

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and a badge.

Early Years/KS1: Soniyah - 1N

Key Stage 2: Amayah - 5W



Children break up on
Friday 22 December 2023
and return to school on
Tuesday 9 January 2024

Don't forget to order lunches in advance