

# Academy Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023  
Autumn Term  
Issue: 11



It was very exciting to see the snow today – we are definitely entering the winter season.

This Sunday, the church will be celebrating the start of a new liturgical year. We are entering the season of advent, which is our time of preparation. The word Advent comes from the Latin 'adventus' which means 'coming' or 'arrival' to signify the birth of Jesus. Advent is a time for celebration; anticipating Christ's birth and looking forward to when Jesus will come again.

It was wonderful to share the start of advent in our Mass today with Fr Francis, led by Year 5. I am very grateful to those parents and carers who were able to attend and celebrate with us.

Next week, the children will be learning lots about money and enterprise. During enterprise week, each class will be setting up their own business with a small start-up fund provided by the school. Each class will be selling their wares during the Christmas Fair. Don't forget to let the office know if you would like your child to help out on their class stall.

Have a lovely weekend, and wrap up warm.



## School Dinners

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

Please note that when the children return to school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, the menu choices will be:

**Sausages  
Quorn sausages  
Jackets with a choice of toppings**

This is in place of the usual roast chicken/vegan sausage roll option. The rest of the week will follow Thursday and Friday of week 4 as usual.

Thank you for your understanding.



## Christmas Jumper Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Although National Christmas Jumper Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding it on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December as we wanted to tie it in with our Enterprise Sale.

You don't even need a new jumper, you can dig out last year's, take a boring old sweater and add some tinsel, or get one from a charity shop.

A donation page will be set up on Schools Gateway to donate £1 or £2 for Save the Children. **Wear your Christmas jumper with your school uniform to raise money for this great cause.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tife – Nursery  
 Nana - EYFS  
 Stefan – Year 2  
 Ava – Year 3  
 Milo – Year 5  
 Erika – Year 6  
 Jessica – Year 5  
 Mia – Nursery  
 Rosie – Year 5



## Attendance

EYFS	97.1%
Year 1	93.65%
Year 2	94.33%
Year 3	96.13%
Year 4	98.75%
Year 5	93.33%
Year 6	97.53%
Whole School	95.75%

The winning class this week was **Year 4** gaining 2 stars in the space race for having the highest attendance. **EYFS and Year 6** gained 1 Star for achieving over 97%.



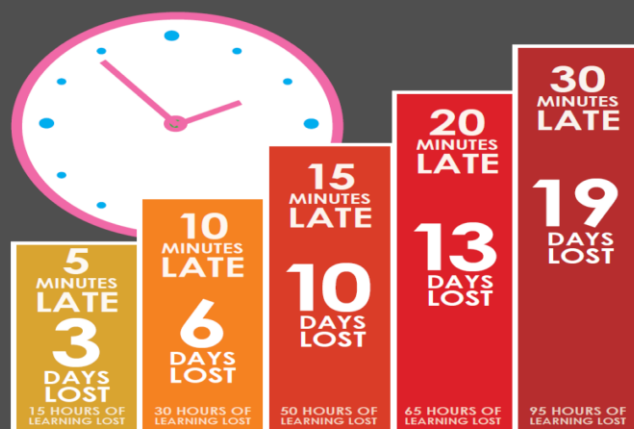
## VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



*"You should give what you have decided to give, not grudgingly or because you are made to, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

EYFS	Sophia T
Year 1	Ethan
Year 2	Ariyah
Year 3	Yooku
Year 4	Teddy
Year 5	Pollyanna
Year 6	Isla

## DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...



## Nursery Star of the Week



**Tife**



## SENDCO Appointments

If you would like to book an appointment to see Mr O'Dwyer the school SENDCO, please scan the QR Code below to book an appointment. Please note that Mr O'Dwyer has teaching responsibilities on a Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments are available at the start of the school day on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday as well as the end of the school day on Tuesdays and Fridays.



## Early Years Foundation Stage Admissions

If you were unable to make our Open Morning dates please contact the Academy Office, 01689 828208, for information and to make an alternative appointment to visit us.

Online applications for Bromley residents for places in September 2024, are available at <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

Applications can be made from **1 September 2023**.

The closing date for applications for places in September 2024 is **Monday 15 January 2024**.

National offer day - **Tuesday 16 April 2024**.

Children will be admitted to our Reception Class in line with our Admissions Policy. Up to 30 pupils are admitted each year via the London Borough of Bromley Co-ordinated Admissions Process. This process ensures that all children have equal and fair access to a school place without reference to ability, aptitude, or additional educational need (including SEND).

**A Supplementary Information Form should be completed and returned to the Academy with the appropriate documentation at the same time an application is made to Bromley.**

## Doing Christmas Shopping Online? Don't forget EasyFundraising

With just one extra click, when ordering online, retailers will donate a percentage of the value of your order direct to the PTA. Simple! If you are not already signed up, it only takes a couple of minutes, and then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway. Simply shop online as normal.

This will be an enormous help to the school, at absolutely no extra cost to yourself. Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpstpprimarypta>



## Punctuality

I would like to emphasise the importance of being in school on time as there have been numerous incidents of some families routinely arriving at school after registration or later.

Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Additionally, the EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils do their phonics sessions at this time and are missing out on vital phonics learning.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

High levels of unauthorised absences or poor punctuality can result in a referral to the Educational Welfare Service or other agencies which have a duty to investigate further and could result in legal action being taken against you.

If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please make an appointment.

## PTA Christmas Announcements

### Christmas and Enterprise Fair - 8th December

Santa's Grotto tickets are now on sale, please hurry and make a purchase if you haven't already done so!



Can you spare some a bit of time on the day please? Help on a stall, help set up or pack away? The PTA are looking for volunteers and would appreciate any time you can give even if it's 30 minutes.

Also calling all BAKERS! We need bakers to come forward please for our ever popular cake stall please.

# The Cake Sale



### Raffle Tickets

Please keep trying to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Should you need more tickets please contact the Academy Office or a member of the PTA.

A big thank you to local businesses and parents for their donations. The PTA will gladly accept further prize donations up until the draw date.

**The Christmas and Enterprise Fair will be held on 8th December.**

<p>0001</p> <p>NAME OF SCHOOL/SOCIETY</p> <p><b>Christmas Draw</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p><small>All our tickets, prizes and profits will be donated to the charity of your choice.</small></p>	<p>NAME OF SCHOOL/SOCIETY</p> <p>Reg Charity Number: 010000</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DRAW</b></p> <p>1st Prize: Luxury Christmas Hamper 2nd Prize: Drinks Hamper 3rd Prize: Christmas Turkey Plus many more prizes</p> <p>The draw will take place at the school Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th December 2020 at 2.00pm.</p> <p>Promoted by Bloggs, Any Town School, High Street, Any Town, Any 100M</p> <p>Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Northampton County Council</p> <p>Tickets £1.00</p>



## Christmas Dates



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Christmas Jumper Day

3:00pm Enterprise Sale and Christmas Fair



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

9:30am KS2 Nativity (Year 5 and Year 5) – Families and friends welcome

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Christmas Lunch – pupils only

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

9:30am KS1 Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2) – Families and friends welcome

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

3:00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Caroling Event - Families and friends welcome

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Class Christmas Parties (suitable party clothes and extra snack)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

EYFS Nativity at 9:45pm – Families and friends welcome

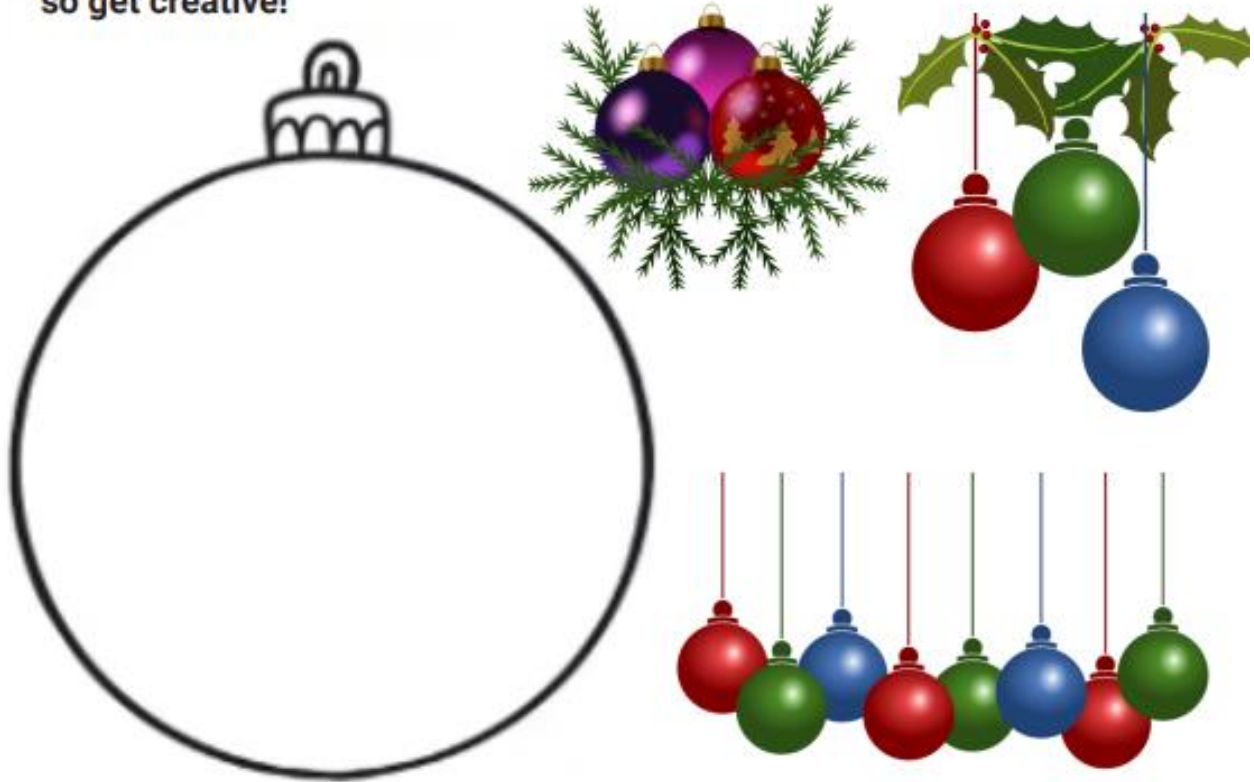
**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**



# DESIGN A BAUBLE

DECEMBER'S ART CHALLENGE

Your challenge is to design a bauble to hang on the Christmas tree. You can use anything you like to create your design, paint, pencils, coloured paper, pastels or perhaps even create a 3-D design using papier mache, fabric or an old sock!? It's up to you, so get creative!



Hand in your creation to **Mrs Lee**  
by **Monday 18th December** for a chance to win an  
amazing arts and crafts prize!

Look out for the new monthly art competition in the newsletter  
at the beginning of every month.

## Autumn Term

Amendments are **highlighted** and Cancellations are in **red**.

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Enterprise Week begins
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 4 Metro Bank Visit
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 5 Metro Bank Visit
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Enterprise Sale and Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS2 (Year 5 and 6) Nativity – Parents/Carers welcome 9:30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner – Pupils only
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity - Parents/Carers welcome 9:30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 3 and Year 4 Caroling Event - Parents/Carers welcome 3:00pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	EYFS Nativity at 9:45pm - Parents/Carers welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Finish at 2pm







**Hoblingwell Reindeer Rush**

Sunday 10th December at 1:30pm

Walk, jog or run our family-friendly 2km trail as we celebrate the festive season together!

Book now

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/hoblingwellreindeerrush](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hoblingwellreindeerrush)

Participants get:  
 Reindeer antlers and mince pies!  
 Children meet Santa and get a treat!

**FRIENDS OF HOBLINGWELL**  
 CARING FOR THE FUTURE



21ST & 22ND DEC 23  
 3RD, 4TH & 5TH JAN 24

SEASONAL SPORTS & DANCE

**SPORTACUS FESTIVE CAMPS**

EXTENDED DAYS AVAILABLE

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12

**WWW.SPORTACUS.CO.UK**  
**INFO@SPORTACUS.CO.UK**  
**07897932884**

**Ofsted**  
 Registered



**Art on Parade**

20 23

**CHRISTMAS FUN ART DAYS**

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December (Mon & Tue)  
 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December (Thu & Fri)  
 23<sup>rd</sup> December (Sat)  
 10am-3pm

**RIPLBY ART CENTRE,  
 SUNDRIIDGE AVENUE, BR1 2PX**

**THE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES ARE:**

**Making:** Christmas Crackers,  
 Light-Up Christmas Cards  
 & Christmas Table Centerpiece.

**Decorating:** Christmas Gingerbread,  
 Christmas Gift Tags  
 & Chris-tingle Orange.

MORNING SNACK & PACKED LUNCH MUST BE PAID FOR

EMAIL OR TELEPHONE TO BOOK

**07736400763**  
**email-info@artonparade.co.uk**







### Christmas Dinner

To ensure we have the correct numbers could you fill out the Google Form (see link below) to indicate what your child will be having for Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. Please see menu attached, (Jacket Potato is also an option).

<https://forms.gle/B7zwdXDxWnxjNTKn9>

We will be closing the form on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you.

