



Academy Newsletter

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The Story behind the '12 Days of Christmas'

The song was written by Catholics in England as a catechism song to teach their children about the Christian faith. The son's "gifts" help remember the teachings of the faith. "True Love" refers to God. "Me" refers to every Christian.

The other symbols mean the following:

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ.
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments.
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity or the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Trinity.
- 4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels.
- 5 Golden Rings = First Five Books of the Old Testament.
- 6 Geese-A-Laying = The Six Days of Creation.
- 7 Swans-A-Swimming = The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:8-10).
- 8 Maids-A-Milking = The Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10).
- 9 Ladies Dancing = The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- 10 Lords-A-Leaping = The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20).
- 11 Pipers Piping = Eleven Apostles, not Judas.
- 12 Drummers Drumming = The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

The Academy reopens on
Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Dates and Events 2018

all parents/carers welcome

- 5th January – Mass Year 4
- 10th January – Liturgy Year 4
- 11th January – Assembly Year 5
- 12th January – PTA Tuck Shop
- 17th January – Liturgy Year 3
- 18th January - Assembly Year 2
- 25th January – PTA Movie night
- 31st January – EYFS Liturgy

- 2nd February – PTA Tuck Shop
- 7th February – Liturgy Year 6
- 12th – 16th February - Half term
- 21st February – EYFS and KS1 Disco
- 28th February – Liturgy Year 5
- 1st March – World Book Day

- 2nd March – PTA Tuck Shop
- 7th March – Liturgy Year 2
- 15th March – Year 2 Church Visit
- 15th March – Year 3 Assembly
- 16th March – PTA Tuck Shop
- 21st March – My Creative Schools Celebration
- 22nd March – Assembly EYFS
- 23rd March – Easter Mass Year 1
- 28th March – Easter Passion
- 29th March – PTA Tuck Shop

- 29th March last day of term.
Stars will be finishing at 4.30pm

If your child is attending the Young Voices concert in February, please note that the Young Voices website provides a 'Children's Music Room' for your child to rehearse the songs at home. Please go to:

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/for-children>

and enter the room using the code

'YVConcerts2018'.



If you are interested in your child learning to play an instrument the Academy offers lessons for piano (through Dr Shore) and violin (through BYMT). If you would like your child to learn the piano or violin please ask the Academy Office for an application form and return it as soon as possible, with the appropriate fee. Lessons for the next term will start in January 2018. Should spaces fill up your child will be placed on a waiting list and you will be contacted when lessons are due to start.



Creative Schools Project

Year 3 and Year 4 are embarking on a creative project in the New Year which will involve the whole school community. Some sessions will involve large art projects and we would appreciate any donations of cardboard or newspaper that you may collect over the Christmas Holiday.

Thank you in advance



Save the Children
UK

The children have raised £89.16p so far for Save the Children Christmas jumper day.



Congratulations to the PTA and everybody that helped make this year's Christmas Fair so successful. A Total of £505.00 was raised.

The PTA would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year.