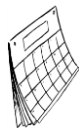


## Dates for the Diary

- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 - INSET day for staff  
9<sup>th</sup> January - Back to School  
10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February - half term  
19<sup>th</sup> February - back to school  
22<sup>nd</sup> March - Last day of term  
**Easter Holidays**  
8<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school  
6<sup>th</sup> May - bank holiday Monday  
25<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half term  
19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term  
22<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET day for staff  
22<sup>nd</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> Sept -Summer Hols



RESTORE

Worship  
Night

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Heath Community Centre  
Uttoxeter, ST14 7DP

23.12.2023  
5-7pm

Christmas Holiday Camp Day

Camp days for children

aged 5-11

Aged 4+ can do half days

- GAMES
- STORIES
- MEDITATIONS

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

BOOK NOW  
Places are limited

Build Confidence  
Raise Self Awareness  
Recognise Emotions  
Understand Feelings  
Self Regulate Responses  
Reduce Stress/Anxiety  
Increase Inner Calm  
& Happiness  
Encourage Resilience  
& Communication  
Have FUN & Make Friends

BOOK ONLINE: [minime-mindfulness-staffs.class4kids.co.uk/or](http://minime-mindfulness-staffs.class4kids.co.uk/or)  
contact Claire on: 07368254093



## Messy Church



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

3.30pm-4.30pm in the Hall

Our theme is Epiphany, and you are welcome to come along and join in. Children must be accompanied by a parent or family member please.

### What is Messy Church?

- It is an hour, after school, for children and their families to enjoy a form of church in their school. (siblings, parents, grandparents, carers are all welcome)
- It includes fun activities based around bible stories or events in Jesus' life. We offer a range of activities - creative, food art, quiz, challenge, art, craft, construction etc.
- There is juice and biscuits!
- We finish with a short chat about our theme, and a song and prayer.

# Newsletter 15



December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

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## Worship

The Leopards class sang with the ladies at the Hermitage this week, supporting their carol service.

Our Autumn worship team have led worship, sharing a play about the kings and telling everyone about the meaning of Christmas - "giving". God gave us his Son, Jesus, and we think about giving at this special time of year. The churches of Uttoxeter have given every child a selection box as a gift of giving, and we thank Jordan and his team for everything he does to support us at St Mary's.



## St Mary's Church

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 4pm

**Crib & Christingle service.**

Children may come dressed in Nativity costumes to be part of the story.



## Celebration Worship

Every Friday at 2.55pm

All families are welcome to join us for Celebration Worship on a Friday. The door at the back of the Hall will be open at 2.50pm, you will need to sign in, via the QR code, then take a seat!



We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful



New Year. Thank you for all your support and kindness this term.



We hope you enjoy all the festivities and quality time with your families and friends, and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**Year 4s** - make sure you apply for a Middle School place by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Nursery** - make sure you apply for a Reception place by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. If your child is due to start Ladybirds in September.

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# LUNCH WEEK 2 MENU



## MAIN EVENT



## MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish



## RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads



## PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta



## BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket



## DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

**TUESDAY**  
Pizza Margherita  
with Baked Potato  
Wedges

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast Chicken &  
Stuffing  
with Mash

**THURSDAY**  
Chicken  
Chow Mein  
(Noodles)

**FRIDAY**  
Golden Fish  
Fingers  
with Chips

Golden Vegetable  
Fingers with Baked  
Potato Wedges

Super Veggie Pie  
Vegetable, Lentil and  
Onion Pie with Mash

Mexican Bean Wrap  
with Whole Grain  
Rice

Cheese & Onion  
Roll  
with Chips

Green Salad

Carrots

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

*Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day*

**Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce**

**Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes**  
with Cheese or Beans

Jammy Crumble  
Bars

Apple Crumble and  
Custard

Orange  
Jelly

Vanilla  
Cookie

*Pick & Mix Packed Lunch, freshly filled sandwich, healthy snack, home bake dessert & a piece of fruit*

## Attendance in School

We are aiming to achieve our 97% attendance target this term. It is so important that children attend school and not miss that vital learning. We didn't quite make it, with all the germs around, but hopefully the spring weather will make us all feel better!

This week, attendance is:

**95.9%**

Our attendance for this term is:

**95.4%**



## Swimming

Crocodiles are having their first swimming lesson on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - don't forget your swimming kit!!



## What is fluency?!

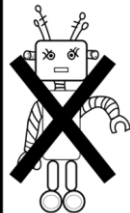
You may have heard your children talking about "fluency" - we are focusing on the fluency of reading and the children are working hard to remember the elements of fluency and use them consistently every time they read. Please ask them about fluency, and help them to remember every time they read to you at home. The more we practice, the better we get!

## FLUENCY

Fluent readers read with good...

- 1. ACCURACY** I can read words correctly!
- 2. RATE** I can read at a natural talking speed. (Rate improves when I'm taught and use good decoding skills and prosodic elements.)
- 3. PROSODY** Intonation, Volume & Stress, Smoothness, Phrasing, and Expression!

### Smoothness



Good readers read like they are talking. They read nice and smooth, not bumpy or rough like a robot.

### Phrasing



Good readers PAUSE at commas or break a sentence into meaningful chunks.

They STOP at periods, exclamation points, and questions marks.

### Intonation



Good readers change pitch and add emphasis to reflect end marks and important places in the sentences.

### Volume and Stress



Good readers read LOUDER or SOFTER to reflect the different meanings in the story.

### Expression



Good readers sound natural, like you're talking. We have expression when we use all the elements of fluency.

**Informational Books**

**Narrative Books**

NO CHARACTERS!

WITH CHARACTERS!  
DIALOGUE AND EMOTION