

Dates for the Diary

19th December - EYFS Nativity 2pm
20th December - EYFS Nativity 2pm
22nd December - Last day of Term

Christmas Holidays

8th Jan 2024 - INSET day for staff
9th January - Back to School
10th-18th February - half term
19th February - back to school
22nd March - Last day of term

Easter Holidays

8th April - Back to school
6th May - bank holiday Monday
25th May-2nd June - Half term
19th July - Last day of term
22nd July - INSET day for staff
22nd July-2nd Sept -Summer Hols



Carol Singing

This morning, some of our Year 2 children visited the Day Centre at St Mary's Mount Nursing Home to bring some Christmas joy by singing carols.



Parent Pay

Please ensure that your parent pay account is cleared before Friday 22nd December.



Year 4s - make sure you apply for a Middle School place by January 15th 2024.

Nursery - make sure you apply for a Reception place by January 15th 2024. If your child is due to start Ladybirds in September. www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Friday 22nd December

Christmas Party Day

We will have a party lunch and some party games - your child is welcome to wear party clothes (and sensible shoes!)



Ladybird & Penguin Nativity Performance

Tuesday 19th December at 2pm
Wednesday 20th December at 2pm

We have some extra tickets which will be released on Monday 18th December from 8.45am, from the office. Please bring your tickets to the performance, with your name on the back, as they are your raffle tickets!! Doors will open at 1.45pm.



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December 15th 2023



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Worship

Our Year 2 children gave us a real treat on Thursday morning in church. They led our Christmas Worship, telling the Nativity story and singing beautifully. Thank you to everyone who joined us, it was lovely to see the church so full. Thank you to Year 2 who shared the true meaning of Christmas. We are now in our 2nd week of Advent. Last week we thought about hope, this week we pray for peace.



St Mary's Church



There is a **carol service** on :Sunday 17th December at 6pm in the big church in town.

Monday 18th December till Friday 22nd December (10am-4pm)



The **Christmas Tree Festival** is in the church - a pretty display of lots of different Christmas trees. Refreshments will also be available.

Sunday 24th December at 4pm - join us in church for the **Crib & Christingle service**. Children may come dressed in Nativity costumes to be part of the story.



Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Santa Soiree last Friday night - it was a fabulous event which raised an amazing £820. A huge thankyou also for your generous contributions to the Rainbow Raffle, which raised £477 and the disco raised £225. In total, December events have raised a phenomenal amount of £1522.00 which will enrich the learning experiences and opportunities for all our children. Thank you to Mrs Williams and the fabulous PTFA volunteers for their continued support.



LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU



MAIN EVENT

MONDAY
Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta

TUESDAY
Mild Chicken Curry with Whole Grain Rice

WEDNESDAY
Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

THURSDAY
BBQ Drizzle Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges

FRIDAY
Party Day!!
Sandwiches, crisps, salad, sausage rolls, cheesy whirls



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

Sausage and Tomato Pasta
Tomato Pasta

Cheese and Potato Pie

Homemade Cheese and Leek Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Cheese & Tomato Pizza



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads

Mixed Salad

Green Beans

Broccoli

Peas

cookies

Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce



PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes
with Cheese or Beans



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

Toffee
Sponge and Custard

Jelly &
Fruit Slices

Apple Sponge
Cake

Orange
Cookie

Vanilla
Ice Cream

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

Messy Church is back!



Our Messy Church session will be in the hall on **Tuesday 9th January 2024** from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Our activities will be based around the theme of 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.

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.



Our guidance is, if your child feels ok in themselves, it is fine to come to school with a cough and cold.

This week, whole school attendance is:

94.9%



Celebration Worship Friday 22nd

December 2.40pm

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 2.30pm, you will need to sign in, via the QR code, then take a seat!



Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice in school, especially with our younger children, please check your child's hair and make sure you comb thoroughly for at least 2 weeks, to ensure these little creatures don't keep coming back.



RESTORE

Worship
Night

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Heath Community Centre
Uttoxeter, ST14 7DP

23.12.2023
5-7pm