

English Martyrs Newsletter

29th November 2024



Our Mission statement

To accept each individual as they are and to enable them to develop their full potential within a Christ-centred, worshipping community in a spirit of love, happiness and understanding



Guitar Club Assembly

Please note, the Guitar Club Christmas assembly has been moved to **Wednesday 4th December at 9am**, parents are welcome to attend. All children who are part of Guitar Club and are performing in the assembly could you please be in school for 8.40am to set up in time for assembly.

1st Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars and on the earth, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man approaching in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand upright, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves; be careful not to let your hearts be weighed down with the cares of life. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:25-28

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to our Friends who put in such an incredible amount of hard work to make last weekend's Christmas Fair such a success. The team started preparing the night before, were back in for half past nine in the morning and then packed everything away the same night. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated and hard-working group of volunteers. Over £2,000 was raised, which is a fabulous sum and will be used to enrich the experiences of the children at school. The more helpers on the Friends, the more we can achieve so it would be really great to have some new faces helping out at events. Please do get in touch with them if you can offer some support. Thank you.



Also, a big well done to Amelie and Ronnie who were the winners of the Christmas pot competition and received a £25 gift token for all their hard work.

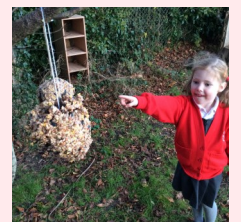
Red Wednesday



We've been counting away in the office, and are delighted to say that we have raised the grand total of £375 for Aid to the Church in Need through our Red Wednesday fundraising—£155.50 from the Red Raffle and cake sale and £219.50 from sponsorship. Thank you for your generosity towards such a deserving cause.

Go Outdoors Club

The weather is getting colder and the evenings are darker, but Go Outdoors Club is still going strong! The children have been doing a range of activities towards their Green Blue Peter badge. They have created log pile homes, litter picking and identifying different plants. Today's activity was making bird feeders from pine cones, lard and seeds which we've now hung in the forest. Fire pits and marshmallows next week!



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

December

Monday 2nd Dec	Children's reconciliation
Tuesday 3rd Dec	Second hand uniform sale 3pm
Tuesday 3rd Dec	Deanery Advent Service at Arundel Cathedral 6pm
Wednesday 4th Dec	Guitar club Christmas assembly 9am
Thursday 5th Dec	KS2 Choir singing at Arundel Cathedral 10am-2pm
Thursday 5th Dec	Prospective parents open day 9.45am & 5.30pm
Friday 6th Dec	Mufti Day for Cereal donations for SVP
Monday 9th Dec	EY & KS1 Nativity play 2.15pm
Tuesday 10th Dec	EY & KS1 Nativity play 2.15pm
Thursday 12th Dec	KS2 Advent Service 2pm
Friday 13th Dec	KS2 Advent Service 2pm
Monday 16th Dec	Rock Steady Concert 9.30am
Wednesday 18th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 18th Dec	Children's Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18th Dec	Christmas movie night 3.15-5.15
Thursday 19th Dec	Advent Mass all welcome 2pm
Friday 20th Dec	Last Day of Autumn term

January

Monday 6th January	Children return to school
Tuesday 7th January	Prospective parents open day 9.45am & 5.30pm
Tuesday 15th January	Closing date for prospective Early Years application form to West Sussex County
Thursday 23rd January	Year 3 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Thursday 30th January	Year 6 Class Liturgy 2.45pm

Advent Day by Day Booklets

St Michaels have kindly donated the Advent day by day booklets, your child will receive one this coming week.

They are a lovely way of encouraging children's interest and enjoyment of the liturgical season of Advent. They tell the story of Advent as well as include supporting puzzles and activities, please do take the time to have a look at them with your child at home.



Mufti Day

Friday 6th

December is mufti day. Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a box of cereal which will be given to the charity St Vincent De Paul who organise food hampers at Christmas time for those less fortunate.



Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in the trolley, all of which is unnamed, could you please have a look and claim anything that belongs to you. Anything not claimed by end of term will be disposed of. Please name everything you send into school, it really does help us reunite children with their lost property.



Christmas Movie Night



Don't forget there is still time to sign up for Christmas movie night, on the 18th December, showing The Grinch. Sign up via the app, under Trips & Competitions.

Parking

Unfortunately at the start of the week, I had two of our neighbours come to me at the end of the day quite rightly upset by the fact that they had been sworn at by one of our parents. The parent had parked across the neighbours' driveway, blocking them in, and when the neighbour politely asked them to move the parent responded by swearing at them. This is so disappointing and creates such an awful impression of our school community. I know that the vast majority of our parents park safely and courteously, and we do very much appreciate this. Please can their example be followed by all. Thank you.

Sunday 15th December 4pm Carols & Cocktails

*Sing your favourite Christmas carols
and enjoy a choice of cocktails.
(other drinks available)*

St Symphorian's Church
Durrington Hill BN13 2PU

Donations to Church Funds
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Children's Christmas Craft Bags

 St Symphorian's Church
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Saturday
14th
December

10 crafts including
materials and glue—
just add scissors

Can be completed at
home or in the church
between 10am - 11:30am

£3.50 per bag

For children aged 2-12years



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drama & dance xmas club



VISIT
SANTA'S
GROTTO

ages
4 - 10
welcome!



santa is
coming

23 December
Worthing

PLUS!
Christmas
Crafting
Good 'Elf Play
[in a day]
Xmas Lunch

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