



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



November 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2023 NEWSLETTER NO.3

Key Dates for your diary:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Wed 8th November: PSA

Fireworks Night 5pm-7.30pm

Tue 14th November: Reception

2024 Open Morning 9.15am

Fri 24th November: PSA Mufti

Day and Tombola donation

Sat 2nd December: PSA Christmas
Fair



Poppy Appeal 2023

Please remember your donation.

Thank you.

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*"Learning
together in
God's love"*

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Winter Uniform

Now we have returned to school after the half term holiday, all children should be in their winter school uniform.

Full details of the uniform requirements are available to view on our website:

<https://www.stagathas.school/school-uniform/>

Please also remember that your child should bring a suitable named coat/jacket to wear each day for all outdoor playtimes.

Poppy Appeal

The Year 6 children will be visiting each class every day this week selling poppies for the above appeal.

If your child would like to buy a poppy, the Year 6 children have suggested a donation of £1.

For further information regarding the appeal, please click on the link below:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal>

Thank you for your support.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the Harvest donations and to Mr Nayak for taking all the donations to our local food bank.

Safeguarding

Please do take some time to see the safeguarding page on our website. We have recently added some child friendly leaflets regarding safeguarding, anti-bullying and e-safety.

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Safeguarding \(stagathas.school\)](https://www.stagathas.school/safeguarding)

The Mayor's "Love your Lunches" School Challenge

The Mayor has launched his "Love your Lunches" School Challenge. The Challenge invites London's school children in **Years 3 to 6** to celebrate all that is amazing about school lunches by making a creative piece of work on the theme 'The best thing about school lunches is...'.

By entering the challenge, pupils will have the chance for their work to feature on the Mayor of London's communications platforms with further fantastic prizes to be announced shortly. Updates will be posted online.

We hope that this is an exciting opportunity for children to showcase what they enjoy about their free school lunch, and what it means to them. Through the Challenge we want to centre children's voices and perspectives. We also want to encourage them to be as creative as possible; entries could be a piece of artwork, a poem, a story, or even a song.

All entries should be handed to Mrs Hubbard by Wednesday 15th November in order for them to be sent off in time. Please include your first name, surname and age on your entry.

Reception 2024

There will be further Reception 2024 Open Events taking place in the coming weeks. If you would like to learn more about our school, please refer to our website for further details:

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Reception Admissions \(stagathas.school\)](https://www.stagathas.school/reception-admissions)

Please do share this information with any family or friends who may have a child starting school next year.

Christmas Events

Full details of the events planned for Christmas will be sent out to each year group on **Monday 13th November.**

In the meantime, we are pleased to announce that the following activities have been booked for the children:

Year Group	Event & Venue	Date
Year 4	<i>Peter Pan</i>	Mon 4 th Dec
Year 5 - Swans	The Rose Theatre	
Nursery	Tiny Tunes Nursery	Tues 12 th Dec
Reception Year 1, 2 & 3	Little Red Riding Hood Pantomime School Hall	Wed 20 th Dec
Year 6	<i>Peter Pan</i>	Wed 20 th Dec
Year 5 - Herons	The Rose Theatre	

Unlabelled Uniform and Coats

Please can we remind parents to **CLEARLY LABEL ALL ITEMS** that come to school.

We cannot return anything that is not labelled to its owner, and we do not have room to store lost property.

This includes coats, hats, gloves, scarves, lunchboxes and waterbottles.

Before half term we donated a large sack full of jumpers, sweatshirts and cardigans, all unnamed lost property, to be sold by the PSA. Several coats and outer garments were also disposed of or given to charity. We do not want children to not have their belongings but it is impossible to facilitate this if we cannot identify who items belong to.

Thank you for helping with this simple solution.

PSA NEWS

Fireworks Night (Wednesday 8th November)

Don't forget Fireworks next Wednesday. Gates open at 5pm, Fireworks display at 7pm. This event has now SOLD OUT. We are also still in need of a couple of additional volunteers, so please get in touch with the PSA if you can help.

PSA Open Roles

The PSA needs your support! We have previously shared information on the open roles, including the PSA Chair, which are still vacant. The PSA cannot function without enough members on the Committee. In addition to the formal committee roles, we are also in need of event planners and event organisers for the PSA activities that happen throughout the school year. If you are looking for a rewarding role that will contribute to the benefit of the school and all its pupils please do get in touch with us via the PSA email (stagathaspsa@gmail.com) - we would love to have a chat!

Christmas Fair Planning

After Fireworks, the next major PSA event will be the Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. Olivia Attard will be leading an event team to help plan and run the Fair this year along with the PSA. If you have any good ideas for stalls and fresh activities, please think about getting a team of parents together to join the event team. There are not enough parents on the current PSA committee to organise the big school community events alone, so if you would like to be involved please do get in touch with either Olivia (o.attard@hotmail.co.uk) or the PSA (stagathaspsa@gmail.com). The PSA will provide support with logistics, drawing on our experience of running these events.

PSA Committee Meetings

Did you know that all parents are welcome to attend the PSA committee meetings, even if you are not on the committee? During these meetings, which are held either in person or virtually, we discuss important issues relating to the school, get an update from Mrs Cahill, and consider how best to use PSA funds. An agenda is circulated approximately a week before the meeting and you can request that certain items are raised. The next meeting is taking place in the evening on Wednesday 15th November. If you would like to attend, please email the PSA for further details.

Many thanks for your continued support,

St Agatha's PSA

Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday.

As we prepare for another busy half term, may I remind you to refer to the Key Date information on the website to ensure that you do not miss any important dates!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the PSA Fireworks Night on Wednesday. My thanks to the hard-working team of volunteers who give their time to organize this exciting evening.

Whether you are a new parent or one with a few years behind you, we encourage your involvement in school life and thank you for your continued support.



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FIRST MONTH'S PRIZE

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