



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



December 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2023 NEWSLETTER NO.5

Key Dates for your diary:

Autumn Term 2023

Tue 19th December: Whole

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December: Whole

School Mass

End of Term

School finishes at 2pm



MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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*"Learning
together in
God's love"*

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The Collective Worship Parent Reception 2024 Portal

As we approach the fourth week of Advent, please follow the link below to some beautiful resources designed to support parents and children, at home, during this time of preparation.

Link to TenTen:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username: st-agatha-kt2

Password: kings-queens

Club Programme

The Spring Term Clubs timetable will be available to parents before the end of term. The usual activities will continue to run and we will also be introducing two new clubs, Little Architect Club and Art Club.

Full details and all flyers including information on how to book will be live on the website from the 18th December. Please do take a look and sign up early for clubs to avoid disappointment.

The first sessions will start from Monday 8th January.

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

PSA - Thank you

Thank you to the PSA Team for a wonderful Christmas Fair. Your hard work and commitment to raise funds for the school is much appreciated.

CAFOD

Our whole school Christmas lunch is underway – we are loving all the colourful Christmas jumpers! All £1 donations received will be sent to CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

Reception 2024

Please note that the closing date for applications for Reception 2024 admission is 15th January 2024.

Journey to Bethlehem

Year 5 had a very enjoyable day at Gumley House Convent School FCJ on Thursday 7th December taking a 'Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem'. The children had the opportunity to experience the story through the medium of drama, music and art delivered by the secondary school pupils. The highlight was definitely the chance to stroke the animals which were seen on part of their journey. The St Agatha's pupils were excited by the passport, which they were given to take around with them and have said that they would like to travel on the journey again next year!



Cardinal Hume Collection

Well done to all the children who took part in the KS2 Carol Service and the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performances last week. We thank you for your generous donations made at each of these events and via SchoolMoney.

So far, over £600 has been collected and will be sent to The Cardinal Hume Centre. Details of the charity can be found here: [Cardinal Hume Centre](#)

Message from Mrs Barley

Thank you all for an amazing 21 years teaching at St Agatha's. The time has simply flown by since my retirement at the end of August and I cannot believe it is nearly Christmas!

Whilst I am looking forward to the next chapter, I wanted to thank you all for making my time at school so special. It was a privilege meeting and working with you.

I was very touched by the kind words and generosity expressed at my retirement. It has been great catching up with some of you during chance meetings in Kingston and hearing all the school news; long may this continue.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best Wishes

Sarah Barley

Sports round up

This term, we have been competing in the Kingston Borough Cup competitions for football and netball. After a 5-1 win over Christ Church Surbiton, the boys' football team are into the semi-finals where they will face Latchmere! The girls' team beat OLI 1-0 in the quarter finals, and they will face Corpus Christi in the semi-finals. After a bye in the first round and a cancellation from Malden Manor in the quarter finals, the netball team are into the semi-finals without playing a game! They will face either St Joseph's or OLI in the semi-finals. Well done to all the children who have represented the school teams and worked hard to get every side into the semi-finals.



Spring Term

The new term starts on Monday 8th January 2024 for all pupils.

Merry Christmas

We send our very best wishes to you all for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our thanks also for all the lovely Christmas wishes, cards and gifts that you have kindly sent to us.

PSA NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who braved the cold and came out to support us at the Christmas Fair this year!

In total the PSA raised an incredible amount of close to £5500, which simply would not have been possible without the support of the school community!

Special thanks to all those parents / carers / staff that volunteered and helped plan, prepare, set up, run stalls and pack away - It was a fantastic team effort all around and we are grateful for the support.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and restful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

The PSA Team



Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I was delighted to welcome so many of you to the Infant Nativity Performances. Congratulations to all the children and staff who made the occasions so memorable.

It was also wonderful to attend the Key Stage 2 Carol Service held at St Agatha's Church; it was a prayerful and reflective service where the children sang and read beautifully.

It has been great to see the school community enjoy a range of special events including the Christmas Fair, trip to the Rose Theatre and class parties. We are looking forward to the whole school Christmas Lunch and Pantomime later this week.

Thank you to all St Agatha's parents, the PSA, Class Reps, Governing Body, staff and children for all your continued contributions to our community.

I pray that you have a peaceful Christmas enjoying time with family and friends.

See you all in 2024!

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END OF JUNE – PLEASE SIGN UP BY 14TH JUNE
TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING THE
FIRST MONTH'S PRIZE

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