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Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

A wonderful week of Advent, Jolly Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunches!

A fabulous celebratory week for us as a family and a community.

Thank you to Janis and our kitchen staff and to our dinner supervisors who worked so hard to cook and serve up our delicious Christmas Lunch again this year. And to you, our 'loved ones' for coming to spend time in school. There will be another opportunity to 'Bring a Loved one to Lunch' later on in the academic year.

Rehearsals for our Nativity Play and our Carol Concert are well under way - please check the dates and times on the diary below .

This week, we lit our first candle on the Advent wreath and offered our week as one of HOPE for everyone around the world, that their Advent and Christmas season and beyond is one of many good things.

Next week, we light our second candle and dedicate the week to FAITH. Watch this space to find out how our children will celebrate this!

TRIVIA for the Season:

The story of Rudolph the Red Nosed reindeer was written by a man called Montgomery Ward, who wanted to reassure his daughter that everyone is special and has their place in the world.



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Catholic Life and Mission

The God who Speaks

'This week, in Gospel Liturgy, we heard Dan and Emily from One Life Music teach us the refrain 'You are the HOPE of all nations'. Talking about God, they helped our children pray for hope for all those around the world, near and far, who need to see hope for their future, particularly those who are living through the hardest of times.

MINI MISSION

Our children filled their 'jars of hope' with hope for others



Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile : Values and Virtues

Infants

Juniors

Jacob, Cullen (2G)

Mayla (6G)

Fundamental British Values



MUTUAL RESPECT:

With so much unrest around the world at the moment, our MINI MISSION this week, in which the children prayed for HOPE for all, encouraged our children to think of how respect for all would bring about peace and harmony.

Virtues of the Half Term

And

Catholic Social Teachings



This half term, we are

Attentive and Discerning

This week, our children have worn their Christmas outfits and donated £1 to Birmingham Children's Hospital. We thank them and you for being attentive to the needs of others during this special celebratory season and making a choice to help them out.



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Dates for your Diary

Teacher Days for Academic year 2023-24

~~Monday 4th September 2023~~
~~Friday 29th September 2023~~
~~Friday 27th October 2023~~
Monday 19th February 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Date	Event (more dates will be added as finalised, so please continue to check)
9th November	Y6 Confirmation — time to be confirmed
10th Nov	Non-uniform — bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre
13th Nov	Anti Bullying Week begins — WEAR ODD SOCKS
14th Nov	Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Coffee morning
17th Nov	Non-uniform — bring toiletries for the Christmas Fayre
21st Nov	Year 2 Stay and Pray
24th Nov	Non-uniform — bring pre-loved toys and games — good condition — for Christmas Fayre
27th Nov	Year 4 Parent Workshop
1st Dec	Non-uniform — bring cakes for the Christmas Fayre
1st Dec	Christmas fayre
4th December	Attendance Prize Week Continues!
6th Dec	Bring a loved one to Christmas lunch
8th Dec	Jolly Christmas Jumper Day — £1 donation for Birmingham Children's Hospital
19th Dec 9:30am in school	Nursery and Reception Nativity
20th Dec 2pm in Church	Years 1-6 Christmas Concert



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Composer of the Month



Our composer of the month is

Danny Elfman

The children have enjoyed listening to music by Danny Elfman ! Last week, we talked about how Danny Elfman had composed the batman theme and we heard it with our link below. This week, have a listen to another Elfman track -

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!

<https://youtu.be/yLo9k8Gifb0?si=uCDSTLbY3MiNeWCD>



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Awards

Each week, our children will be awarded certificates/trophies in Celebration Assembly .

This

is a celebration of their God given talents and skills!

Please send in any awards they have achieved outside of school.



Class	
Nurs	Zemirah
RDG	Michelle
RBB	Mia
1DS	Christaline
1P	Klara
2M	Alex
2G	Jacob
3G	Dana
3CM	Zamil
4C	David
4S	Klay
5B	Myles
5P	Camilla
6G	Joseph
6W	Adiyy
Music	Y5 Brass
Sport	Asaad (6W)
Wise Owl	Lucy (6G)
Lunchtime	Franklin (RDG), Jordan (6G), 2M



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Attendance—Target 95%

Please note that holidays in term time will NOT be authorised.

Class	%
RDG	82
RBB	80
1DS	87
1P	87
2G	91
2M	93
3CM	95
3G	94
4C	89
4S	87
5P	93
5B	89
6G	90
6W	86
Whole Class	89!

Number of children who came to school 100% of
the time

241

Those children will all get to have a dip in the prize
box

Classes achieving at and above 95% overall

Oh No! Only one class! - 3CM

This class will get extra play and a sweet treat!

LET'S GET BACK ON IT NEXT WEEK!

If class teachers are
concerned about your child's
attendance they will speak to you
in the first instance and
work with you to put something in place to improve this.

Each class over 95% over the past two weeks went into the draw - we did two draws—one infants and one juniors...and the winners are...

2M and 3G!!



Termly

Pupils will get a certificate if they achieve 95% and above attendance

One term of 95% bronze certificate

Two terms of 95% silver certificate

Three terms of 95% gold certificate



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Talking Point

This week, Year 5 have been learning about Advent

They have been finding out about the preparation that takes
place in our own homes and around the world

Can you find out, as a family, what happens during this season
around the world.

If you are able to find out, make a poster and bring it into
school.

We will share what we have next week.



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And finally...

The Children's Commissioner has launched The Big Ambition survey to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.
This survey is still open until FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff



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A message from The Bromford Theatre Group

 **TICKETS ON SALE**



The Bromford Theatre Group Presents

Dick Whittington

Tickets Available now from



The Hub 146 Bromford Drive
Firs Primary School Dreghorn Rd
Sonny's Fish Shop Shawsdale Road

Ticket Prices
£6.50 each 2 for £11.00
FAMILY OF 4 £16.00

SHOW ONE
Saturday 9th December
Doors open 6.30pm
Show starts 7pm - 9pm

SHOW TWO
SUNDAY 10th December
Doors Open 4pm
Show starts 4.30pm - 6.30pm

VENUE
Firs Primary School,
Dreghorn Road,
Firs Estate, B36 8LL.

Only Payment will secure your seat
no seats will be reserved — No refunds



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Holiday Clubs

YEARN 2 B

FREE GIRLS' HOLIDAY CLUB 8-16 YEARS

DATE:

Tuesday 2nd Jan
Wednesday 3rd Jan
Thursday 4th Jan
Friday 5th Jan

VENUE:

11am to 3pm

**SHARD END WELLBEING CENTRE
170 PACKINGTON AVENUE
SHARD END B34 7RD**

STAFF DBS CHECKED

**PLEASE NOTE: PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
VIA BRING IT ON BRUM WEBSITE.**

FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY

SUBSIDED COST: £5 PER DAY FOR NON-FSM

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Team Activities

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Building Activities

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