

# Kelvedon St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy and Autism Support Centre

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# Weekly News



Respect	Caring	Co-operation	Perseverance	Honesty	Responsibility
Reverence	Compassion	Service	Endurance	Virtue	Trust

## Headteacher's Message

The children have been busy working on their enterprise projects this week. They've designed and made their own items ready to sell later today at our Enterprise Marketplace. We can't wait to find out which classes are successful in selling their stock and making a profit!

Today, we were treated with a delightful sharing assembly from 3PM. The children led a Dragon Den style assembly, where they pitched their ideas for the Enterprise Fair and also demonstrated their linked learning across the curriculum. The children did a fabulous job! Thank you to the teachers and parents for supporting the children to prepare for this assembly.

Yesterday, our tag rugby teams represented Kelvedon St Mary's at a local tournament. The children arrived back at school with beaming faces as they proudly clutched the winner's trophy and individual first place medals. A big well done to the whole team! Thank you to the staff and parents, who supported the children.

Next week, Mrs Nottage will be visiting Kelvedon St Mary's on Tuesday. From January, Mrs Nottage will add capacity to the school leadership team at Kelvedon as Head of School. I will continue to have overall responsibility for the strategic leadership of the school. However, on days that I am working on development initiatives across the Canonium Learning Trust, Mrs Nottage and Mr Taylor will ensure the day to day running of Kelvedon St Mary's remains strong.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Fia Taylor, who has been raising money to support a family in need, has raised a huge total of £550. Thank you to all those who donated generously.

Have a great weekend!

Lois Osborne

## Diary Dates

### Next week

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 2 and Year 3 Christingle Service at 2pm.
- Saturday & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church (school choir singing at 2pm Saturday)

### December

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year R and Year 1 Nativity, 2.30pm.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year R and Year 1 Nativity, 2.30pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas Concert, 2pm
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Christmas Fair, 3.30pm-5.00pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Panto for pupils, 1.45pm-2.45pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Carol Candlelight Service, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Open door, 3pm
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of autumn term
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Christmas break

## Excellent Punctuality

Excellent learners attend school on time! We celebrate punctuality. The classes with the top punctuality are noted below:

KS1: n/a

KS2: 3PM, 4F, 4B, 6T

# School Development Update

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent Phonics Workshop. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an overview of how the Twinkl scheme works to support you in helping your child to read at home. The information shared at this workshop will be made available on our school website shortly. If you have any questions regarding our approach to early reading, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Powell, who is our Phonics Lead.

After Christmas we will be tweaking the way maths is taught across the school, to align with the mastery approach founded in Singapore. This is a well researched model that supports children's mathematical development through use of concrete materials, then pictorial prompts before presenting abstract mathematical challenges that require higher order thinking skills. As a school we have chosen to implement the White Rose framework that follows the mastery approach. Mrs Lawrence and her class thought Christmas had arrived early when all the White Rose resources arrived in her class this week! Once we are up and running with this, we will share further information with you regarding how to best support your child with their mathematical understanding.

## Stars of the Week – These learners have demonstrated our school values.



## Gold Book Honours – These learners have been building excellent habits of learning by consistently displaying one of our 6Rs:

Responsible	Resourceful	Reflective	Resilient	Reasoning	Risk-taking
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They have been awarded their bronze, silver or gold badge that they may wear with pride on their school uniform.



# Safeguarding

We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and if the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm, we will make a referral to Social Services. The school does not investigate any disclosures that children may make, we are a referring agency. Procedures on safeguarding from the Government make it clear that all staff should operate with an 'it could happen here' approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Essex Child and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627.

# Polite Reminder

We politely remind you as a parent or carer to enter the school building at all times through the main office. This will enable us to process the correct sign in procedures that all schools have a responsibility to complete.

# PTFA Message

It's not long now until the PTFA Christmas Fair 2022. We're still looking for volunteers to help with some of the stalls, so if you would like to get involved, do drop us an e-mail [ptfasecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:ptfasecretary@hotmail.com). It's great fun to be involved and we can promise you a cup of tea and chair!

If you enjoy baking, it would be great if you can drop your delights to school on the morning of the fair. We'll send out a reminder nearer the time.

As ever, a huge thanks to everyone for supporting the PTFA, it makes such a huge difference.



## Christmas Jumper Day!

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, our school will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We know times are tough, so please remember that donations are optional, and any amount you can spare - 10p, 20p, 50p makes you an awesome fundraiser. In addition, this year, whatever anyone donates will make double the difference because the UK government is going to match all donations to Christmas Jumper Day between 1<sup>st</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> March! All that extra cash will go towards a wonderful cause, helping 200,000 mums and babies in Kenya get the food and medicine they need! (That is a lot of mums and babies!)

Remember, there is no need to buy a new jumper. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit.

We would appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success. Together, we can make the world better with a sweater.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Connelly and RotaKids

