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St Agnes' Weekly News

*The family of St Agnes loves, learns and grows together as followers
of Jesus.*

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NOVEMBER

- 8th—Prospective parents tour 2pm
- 9th—Barnet Infant Music Festival PM in school hall PM
- 10th—Prospective parents tour 9:45am
- 11th—Class 5P Assembly 9:05am
- 12th—Governors Coffee Morning 8:40-9:10am
- 12th—Parent Forum Meeting 9am
- 12th—Year 6 Mass in Hall 2:15pm
- 15th—Anti-bullying Week begins
- 16th—SATS Information Evening 5pm via zoom
- 18th—Year 2 Road Safety Workshop
- 18th—Class 5M Assembly 9:05am
- 22nd—Panto Day (Oh no it's not)
- 25th—Class 2K Assembly 9:05am
- 26th—Mufti Day (Bottles for Christmas Fayre)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back

It was wonderful to see the children return from their half term break refreshed and ready for this long half term ahead. I sincerely hope that you were able to enjoy some quality family time and enjoy some of the Autumn sunshine we are experiencing. I went away with my own family - which was lovely and much needed.

The second half of the Autumn term is traditionally a long one, with no exception this year. We are in school for seven and half weeks until we break up for Christmas on Tuesday 21st December at 1.45pm (please make a note of this date if you are arranging to travel over the Christmas holidays, we return to school on Wednesday 5th January). I'm not sure if you will believe me when I say that Miss Keaveney has begun working with the children to begin learning their Christmas Songs and carols - indeed as I am writing to you I can hear the children singing 'Away in a Manger' in the hall and it sounds glorious! This really demonstrates the hard work that goes into preparing for Christmas performances, beginning many weeks in advance.

Governors Morning Fri 12th November

We are resuming our Governors mornings that we used to hold termly prior to the pandemic. These are an opportunity for a selection of school Governors to come into school, talk with staff, pop into class, talk with children all with a focus on an aspect of school work. Next Friday will be used to look at Religious Education and the Governors will carry out a walk around the school to look at what makes us a distinctively catholic school. The session will begin at **8.40am -9.10am with ALL parents invited in to pop in and see the Governors over a coffee.** This is a really informal opportunity to ask a question, provide feedback on aspects of school life with two of our present governors - Maureen Brookbanks and Lisa Pate.

Please feel free to come along . If you are interested in becoming a parent Governor you could ask them what the commitment is and what it involves. We are soon going to be asking for a new parent Governor to join the Governing Body and this would be an ideal way to see if it is a role you could support the school.

Parent Forum Fri 12th November 9.00am to 10.00am.

As explained in a previous newsletter the Parent Forum Representatives group is resuming and we are looking for one parent rep per class. So far we have had volunteers from several classes which is great but the following classes still need a representative to come forward for the half termly meeting: Nursery, RS, RZ, 2K, 5M, 5P, 6M & 6S.

Please give your name to the school office if you can assist in this role.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Susan O'Reilly



Thank You

A very big THANK YOU to Iannis Mocan & Filip Wieczorek's mums for making the lovely green and purple altar cloths over the half term holidays.

Mrs Keogh

RE Leader



Please see the information below where you can still celebrate the weekly gospel at home with your family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/gift?pid=MTA101634&v=42.6>

Please use the above link to access this weeks page.

Many thanks

Class 2K Parent Evening Consultations

Class 2K Parent Evening consultations will take place via telephone over three days—Monday 8th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th November from 3.30-5:10pm.

Please ensure you book an appointment via Parentapp and that we have your up to date mobile telephone number to call you.

Many thanks

Year 2 – Street Detectives

This half term, Year 2 children are becoming Street Detectives, completing some map work and exploring other geographical features of the world around us.

This week, both classes went on a walk around the block exploring some of the buildings and signs in our area. We noticed there are lots of car parks!!!!



FOSA Mufti Day and Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who brought in £1 today in exchange for wearing their own clothes - dressing colourfully to celebrate Bonfire Night. Also a HUGE thanks to those who provided cake donations for today's after school bake sale.

Your support is greatly appreciated and all monies raised will be put towards the purchase of new interactive white boards for the classrooms.

The total amount raised will be in next week's newsletter.

Christmas Lunch

A letter will be sent out on Monday to all packed lunch children.

If you would like your child to have Christmas lunch on Wednesday 8th December, please return the permission slip and **correct money £2.30 (KS2 only Years 3 – 6), no change will be given, to Angie by Wednesday 17th November.**

Please note, if your child is in Reception, Years 1 and 2, no payment is required, but you will need to return the permission slip to me so that numbers can be counted.

If you receive Free School Meals, no payment is required.

Many thanks



Nursery places at St Agnes Catholic Primary School

St Agnes' Catholic Primary School has a number of places available for children aged 3-4 in our outstanding nursery. There are places available for 30 hours per week or places in the afternoon nursery which runs from 12:15-3:15pm.

Please contact the school office at office@stagnes.barnetmail.net if you would like to arrange a tour or if you would like more information.



The School Shop

Every Friday lunch time (starting on the 12th November) the school shop will be back up and running in the music room.

Children from Year 5 will be helping to run the shop that will sell things such as friction pens, scented rubbers, scented pencils, pens and more!

The shop will be open to all ages and nothing will cost more than £2.

This is a great opportunity for children to see how a shop runs for themselves too!

E-Safety!



This week, Year's 4, 5 and 6 took part in a virtual Amazon tour of Amazon's fulfilment centre and discovered the process behind Amazon's Prime service.

During this, a discussion about Amazon took part and the children shared their knowledge of the app. We talked about how to stay safe when using Amazon or Amazon Prime.

Amazon Prime:



What is it?

Amazon Prime is a video on demand service. It offers films and television programmes, including original content. You can access it on multiple devices including online via Amazon.co.uk, iOS and Android devices, PS4, Wii, Xbox, some smart TVs, as well as Amazon's own products including Fire tablets and phones.

Cost: you can rent individual films or TV shows (various fees), subscribe monthly (5.99) or annually as part of Amazon Prime (£79).

What parents need to know

Finding parental controls had us scratching our head. Typing 'Amazon Prime parental controls' into the search bar at the top of the page yielded a list of products that you could set parental controls on, not information on how to set them for viewing and using Amazon Prime content.

Going to the Amazon Prime landing page on the website when logged in didn't offer up a direct link.

In the end, we clicked on **Help** at the bottom of the home page and then typed in 'parental controls'.

Bingo!

Here, you find instructions on how to set up controls for both **purchasing** and **viewing** restrictions by creating a PIN code.

For **purchasing** restrictions, you can't set restrictions centrally for all devices. The following have to be set on the individual devices themselves: Android devices; Fire phone; Fire tablets; Amazon Fire TV; Fire TV Stick; Xbox; Amazon Underground app for Android phones.

Information on Amazon's parental controls can be found [here](#).

Viewing restrictions give you the option to block playback of videos by ratings. You can choose which ratings categories you'd like to restrict and on which of your registered devices you'd like these restrictions to apply. Log in and go to **Amazon Video Settings and Devices**.

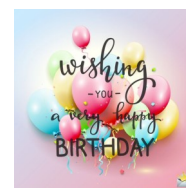
When you have viewing restrictions on, a 'lock' symbol appears on videos with ratings in your restricted categories. If you try to watch them, you're prompted to enter your Amazon Video PIN before playback can begin.

Class	Star of the Week
1D	Juliana
1Q	Kostas
2C	Chloe
2K	Geovana
3L	Willow
3M	Michael
4G	Hanyel
4M	Kyla
5M	Anna
5P	Caitlin
6M	Erlene
6S	Taylor
TT Rock Stars	Nathaniel 5M
Music Award	Marian 3L
Reading Eggs	Kalina 1D

Weekly Attendance		
Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
RS	94	0
RZ	99	1
1D	95	0
1Q	98	2
2C	93	3
2K	99	4
3L	95	0
3M	95	1
4G	98	0
4M	98	1
5M	98	0
5P	100	1
6M	92	0
6S	96	0
School Target 97.5%		

Birthdays: up to 7th November 2021

- 1st Preston 5P, Olivier 3L, Riley 2K & Teddy 2C
 2nd Louise 2C & Andrea Nursery
 4th Simon RZ & Orvin 1Q
 5th Amelia 6M
 6th Zara RS
 7th Matthew 3L



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team (Mrs O'Reilly, Mrs Hourihan, Mrs Gale, or our Chair of Governors Gill Abbott).

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

Thought of the Week

"Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence."

- Pope John Paul II.

