

## St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### ADVENT CAROL SERVICES

It's has been a busy week with Advent Carol services. Year 5 visited St Albans Cathedral as part of St Albans Schools Primary Music Association (SASPMA) and joined with many other local schools to ring in Christmas with a lovely carol service and readings. Please visit the Year 5 blog to see some photos.

On Wednesday, the Chaplaincy Team and the Head Boy and Head Girl visited Westminster Cathedral. This is a report of their trip written by some members of the team.

Along with the Headboy and Headgirl, the Chaplaincy Team went to the Advent Carol service at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon. Angel Gabriel and Angel Penelope told us the story of the nativity and we sang lovely carols. It was a magical occasion and it was amazing to see a donkey and a sheep as part of the service. The choir had angelic voices which filled the air and lifted our spirits. The service was a wonderful way to mark the start of Advent and helped to raise much needed funds for the Catholic Children's Society. If you would like to support this charity, you can find out more here: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>



## KRIS KRINGLE

The children have all been given a Kris Kringle child's name in their class to buy for. Encourage your child to think of their Kris Kringle in their prayers and be especially nice to them. We encourage the children to do small acts of kindness. Help them to keep the name of their Kris Kringle a secret and bring their gift in on Friday 16th December . Please send in a gift with a value of approx. £3 for your Kris kringle.



## ONLINE SAFETY

Keeping on top of Internet safety is an essential part of modern parenting. It's something previous generations didn't have to deal with, so we don't have the memories of our childhoods to inform us! Also, things can change so quickly that it can be hard to keep up-to-date as a parent. That's why newsletters like the one attached play their part in keeping abreast of developments. Hopefully, it will help keep you informed so you can help your children stay safe and enjoy all the only opportunities out there!

Mrs Gibbons- Computing Lead.

## PHONICS WORKSHOP

Just a reminder that there will a phonics workshop for parents on Wednesday 7th December at 9.00am in the hall. Mrs Gallaher will explain how phonics works in the school. This will be a similar workshop to the one given by Mrs Palmer last academic year. We hope you are able to attend.

## PTA UPDATE

Hi everyone, we are really excited to see you at the Family Christmas Disco tomorrow!

If you haven't already volunteered then we would love to hear from you, especially dads for setting up and clearing away!

And if you haven't yet bought your tickets it's not too late, they are still £3.50 in advance but £5 on the door. See flyer for details!

We will be doing December's 50 Club draw tomorrow, but in the meantime we have our November winners:

1st David Donnellan  
2nd Paul Waidley  
3rd Lauren McEvoy

See you on the dance floor!

The PTA x

### **School Applications:**

### **Nursery Applications:**

If you are applying for a place in Nursery, you do not need to apply through Hertfordshire County Council. We do our own admissions for Nursery. The Supplementary Information Form can be obtained from the school website. Please follow the link.

<https://stadrians.herts.sch.uk/statutory-information/nursery-admissions/>

Parents of children due into Reception in September 2023, will need to apply for a place this term. The on-line application system opens on **1st November 2022 and closes on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**. Anyone applying to St Adrian's must also complete our own SIF form. Although a certificate of Catholic practice is preferable, it is **NOT** essential for securing a place. Please contact the office if you have any enquiries. Could I also ask for you to spread the word to other families that are not part of our St Adrian's community to come to the open mornings to have a tour of our great school.

<https://email.hertfordshire.gov.uk/5ESZ-NX1C-76D6223AAF0A52DF1M6VQU07BB5B5B5798FBFB/cr.aspx>

**DON'T FORGET!!!! PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

**Open morning dates 2022/2023**

Thursday 12th January @ 9.15am

Friday 13th January @ 9.15am

**Congratulations to St John!!!!**

**HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:**

**St John = 225**

**St Luke = 193**

**St Matthew = 184**

**St Mark = 151**

**Headteacher's Awards**

This week's awards go to:

Year 6: Melville Mwambu and Eva Connolly.

Year 5: Lara Taylor and Abbie Brown.

Year 4: Austin McAuliffe and Maeve Magee.

Year 3: Alessia Donnellan and Arthur Christie

Year 2: Aoife Byrne and Zuzanna Milewska

Year 1: Callum Carvalho and Thodoris Haivaz

Reception: Mia Papa and Luke Lakey

**Have a wonderful weekend everyone.**

**Many thanks,**

**Mrs Porter**