St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

WELCOME BACK AND KEY DATES

A very warm welcome back to all of you. I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. I can't quite believe that it has been a year since I joined St Adrian's as so much has happened in that time. As ever, I am so delighted to begin another year leading this great school.

The children have all returned excited (if not a little tired) but are getting back into the swing of things again. There are many activities planned for the coming terms to look forward to and I am sure that we will have another amazing term of hard work, discovery and learning.

I have attached a reminder of the key dates for the calendar and highlighted any additional ones that have been added since the Autumn term. I am sure as the year progresses, other dates will be added so please always check your emails and any letters sent home.

ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that the **deadline for applications for Reception classes is 15th January 2023.** If your child is currently in Nursery, they MUST apply for a Reception place, it is not automatically given. **The deadline for Nursery applications is Friday 24th February 2023.**

There are 2 final open mornings on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th January at 9.15am. If you would like a tour of the school, please contact the office to book a place and spread the word to friends and family.

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
The wise men brought you gold:Let us use our riches to do good.
The wise men brought you frankincense:
Let our prayers rise like smoke to heaven

The wise men brought you myrrh:

Let us seek to comfort those who are sad and grieving.

Lord Jesus,

You have given us so many rich gifts:

Let us use them to do your work in this world.

Amen



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THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Yesterday, we held a whole school assembly about The Feast of the Epiphany and today, children from KS2 joined with the parishioners to celebrate at St Bartholomew's whilst EYFS and KS1 had their own special service in school. Again, it was wonderful to have those connections with the church as it is only just a stone's throw away.

With this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you on behalf of Philip Ahern and those involved in the parish HCPT group for your generous retiring collections after the various nativities etc. This was included in the parish bulletin.

ST BART'S HCPT GROUP: Grateful thanks to all who contributed so generously to the the retiring collections after St Adrian's School's Juniors Christmas Carol Service and the Infants Christmas Play -£262.00 raised for the 2023 Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

I am sure this money will go a long way to support those families on the trip.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Please can we remind the children about uniform - namely hair styles / bands and nail varnish. If all nail varnish can be removed and hair always tied up with simple bands in the school colours or plain navy / black bands. Thank you.

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY- PLATINUM MEMORIAL

Thank you to Mrs Hayes for organising this wonderful incentive for the school. Before the holidays, each class was responsible for planting a tree on our grounds to take part in this wonderful project. Please see the letter and our virtual plaque below. Well done to everyone involved in adding a little bit of history to our school.



Dear Mrs Hayes,

We are delighted to confirm your <u>Jubilee tree planting</u> has been uploaded to The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) map.

Please find attached your QGC virtual plaque, which we invite you to share on social media using the hashtag #QueensGreenCanopy or #plantatreeforthejubilee to encourage others across the UK to get involved.

Please follow our digital channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram where we will be sharing Jubilee tree plantings throughout the official planting season, which is from October to March. With your planting complete, it is important to take care of your trees to give them the best chance of flourishing.

Our Protect page features all the information you need to ensure your planting flourishes.

Thank you for your contribution to this special initiative, which we hope will inspire countless others. With your support we are creating a greener UK and a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the nation, which will benefit future generations.

Yours sincerely,

The Queen's Green Canopy

