



St Maxentius Newsletter – 3rd December 2021

We have had a wonderful week getting into the festive spirit. It has been heart-warming to hear KS1 and Reception children practising their production songs. We look forward to parents in Reception and Early Years joining us for these events in the next few weeks under the stringent measures we have suggested.

Next week is assessment week for children in Years 1-5, this is a great opportunity for pupils to demonstrate how much they have learnt this academic year. The assessments are nothing to be concerned about, they will be used to inform teaching and help plan for pupils next steps. We will encourage and nurture pupils so that they begin their assessments feeling confident and proud of their achievements already, as I'm sure you give them the same messages at home.

Mrs. N. Patel

Attendance Matters

The average attendance for school last week was 90.33%. This reflects the continued circumstances in school and we look forward to seeing this increase soon. Thank you to parents for continuing to support over the last few weeks with taking children for tests to ensure we minimise the transmission of the virus.

Year 1 had the highest attendance last week and exceeded our target of 96% with an amazing 98.6% - well done!



Stars of the week

This week's stars of the week are as follows:

Year 6	William -	Incredible effort in his maths assessments.
Year 5	Harvey -	Being a great helper and some excellent maths work this week.
Year 4	Eva-	Hard work in English and being a friend to all.
Year 3	Hannah-	Fantastic improvement in Time to Read, well done!
Year 2	Sofia -	Working well independently and putting in effort to get work finished.
Year 1	Molly -	Fantastic subtraction independently.
Reception	Olivia-	Beautiful singing in the nativity.



Upcoming dates

- Tuesday 7th December – Reception Craft afternoon 1.45pm.
- Wednesday 8th December – Storytime with Santa (Rec, Y1 & Y2), tickets £2.
- Thursday 9th December – Y2 Christingle (10am & 6pm), Y1 to support in the choir
- Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day, donations to Save the Children charity
- Monday 13th December – Reception winter ball 3.30pm-4.30pm.
- Tuesday 14th December – Year 4,5 & 6 Winter Ball 3.30pm-5.00pm (tickets £4).
- Wednesday 15th December – Year 1, 2 & 3 Winter Ball 3.30pm-5.00pm (tickets £4).
- Thursday 16th December – Reception Nativity (10am & 6pm), Y1 to support in the choir
- Thursday 16th December – KS2 Carol service at St Maxentius Church at 2pm.



**Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

On Friday 10th December we will be joining in with Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear non-uniform and a Christmas jumper, t-shirt or anything festive. You can make your donation to the charity through our app School Money. If this is your child's PE day, they can still wear non-uniform just ensure they have suitable footwear for PE.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service

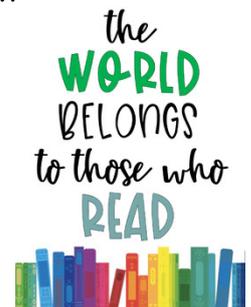
On Thursday 16th December, Key Stage 2 will be attending St Maxentius Church for a carol service with Reverend Hannah. Parents are welcome to attend the service at 2pm, but we do ask that you wear a face mask throughout. At the end of the carol service, you will be able to take your child home if you would like. A form will be sent out to parents next week to check if you will be at the service and collecting your child or if you would like them to walk back to school and collect them as usual

Time to Read

Last week as a school we read for **13,665** minutes. This our highest weekly total of the year! Well done to everyone for keeping up the reading at home!

For your information, you can see how each class are doing below.

Year group	Total minutes	Average minutes
1	1051	47
2	1648	63
3	1469	52
4	2043	92
5	1487	47
6	5967	180



Congratulations to Year 2, 4 and 6 for hitting their target!

We aim for pupils in Year 1 & 2 to read for 1 hour per week, Year 3 & 4 for 1.5 hours and Year 5 & 6 for at least 2 hours per week.

Bible Quote this week:

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:12

