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We are getting closer to our big day!

Diary Dates



20th November – Year 2 Cooking week

22nd November – Open Morning for prospective families 9.30am

24th November – Non-uniform day/Bring a bottle

25th November – Christmas Bazaar 1pm-3pm

30th November – Open Morning for prospective families 9.30am

1st December – Santa Dash

2nd December – Spirit of Christmas 4pm St Mary's Church

4th December – Reception Cooking week

5th December – Y3/4 Mass 9.30am, All Welcome & Clothing Collection

7th December – Year 1 cooking

8th December – Y6 Victorian Day

14th December – Infant Nativity **2pm & 6.30pm**

15th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Whole School Christmas Lunch

18th December – Infant Party

19th December – Junior Concert **2pm & 6.30pm**

20th December – Christmas Mass – All welcome 9.30am, Junior Party & Last Day of Term

Lunch



w/c 20th November: Week 1
Please see new winter menu

Please pay lunches on School Money – £2.40 per day

Swimming



20th November: Year 3&5

21st November: Year 2

Saturday 25th November 2023, 1-3pm – Christmas Bazaar!

Please note this is a CASH FREE DAY

Friday 24th November will be a non-uniform day. The children will be allowed to wear home clothes to say thank you for a donation of a bottle.

We also need jarbolas (these are a huge hit with the children!). Feel free to make more than one but please ensure jars are clean and do not contain a nut based product such as peanut butter. These can be filled with individually wrapped sweets or be creative... Lego, spa in a jar, arts & crafts! Please start sending in your jars as soon as they're ready.

As well as the above, we ask that you donate the below items if you can. We have had very little donated to date so please be generous through next week.

Reception, Years 1 & 2 - chocolate (small or large individual bars, selection boxes, fun size bars)

Years 3, 4 & 5 - hamper donations (chocolate, shortbread, selection boxes, candles, new toys etc.)

Year 6 - canned drinks and small cartons of juice

We will be holding a cake sale so please feel free to buy or bake some cakes and bring into the office on 23rd or 24th November.

We would also like any donations of old toys in good condition, perfect excuse for a clear out!

We have already had a few amazing donations from parents and local businesses, so please keep spreading the word and bringing them into the office. If you know a local small business that might benefit from some extra advertising, let us know!

To make this event the best we can, we need your help! If you can volunteer to run a stall on the day, that would be amazing! Maybe team up with a friend or include the children (they love to help out!). We need people to cover 1-2pm and 2-3pm. If this would work for you, please contact Sophie on 07904 950 515 or the school office.

We've received a very special message from the North Pole... Santa is coming to visit! Slots are bookable from the shop section on School Money but as these are limited, they will run on a first come, first serve basis!

As previously stated, our bazaar stalls this year will be cash free. Tickets for stalls are available from the shop section of School Money.

Mrs Poulter and Year 4 will be creating some beautiful Christmas candle table decorations for you to purchase, these will be priced at £6 each so make sure you have enough tickets!

There will be an opportunity to buy tickets on the day but to avoid the queues we recommend you buy online before the day.

To give an idea of how many tickets you may need:

All children's stalls will be 50p or £1

All refreshments at the BBQ (burger / hot dog) or Bar (Prosecco / beer) will be £2.50 (refreshment tickets are available to purchase ahead of the day from the shop section of School Money)

Children's drinks will be 50p

The raffle is £2 per strip or 3 strips for £5 (tickets are available to purchase ahead of the day from the shop section of School Money)

There will be the usual envelope tree where you can win high value gifts. Some envelopes will be £5 and some £10.



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You will know what you usually spend.

We hope this helps and encourage you to buy your tickets ahead of time, of course you will be able to top up at our special 'Bank' (Mrs Davies) on the day.

All pre-paid tickets will be ready for you as you arrive and will be handed to you.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the school. All money raised goes towards making the school the best we can for the children we all love so much.

For many people, this may be your first school event so we really hope you will come along to spend some time socialising with other parents/carers and friends, and most importantly, watching the children enjoy themselves!

We can't wait to see you all there!

Year 5 Egyptian Day

The children spent the morning studying Ancient Egyptian artefacts such as the top of a canopic jar, a shabti and the eye of Horus. They learnt about their importance and connection to a belief in the afterlife. Following a treasure trail around the museum, the children learnt all about mummification and even mummified a tomato! It was a fabulous day.



Secondary School Applications

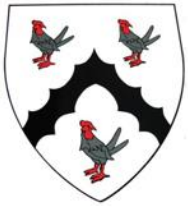
Reminder to Year 6 Parents – the closing date has now passed but if you haven't already done so please make a late application as soon as possible.

Year 6

The second instalment for Grafham Water is due by the end of November.

Pret-a-Portrait - Photographs

Please visit Pret-a-Portraits website using the ID number on the card to view the photographs.



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Children in Need



We had great fun today raising money for Children in Need, so far we have raised £150. If you would like to contribute over the weekend please do so on School Money

Year 2

Please could the children in Year 2 learn their Christmas Production lines by heart, Bethlehem Bake-off.

STM Jackets

We have a supply of our school jackets. As the weather is getting damp, these can be used to come to school or for outdoor PE over a sweatshirt. The cost of these are £5 and can be purchased in the shop section on school money then collected from the school office.

Open Mornings for Prospective families September 2024

There will be an Open Morning on 22nd November and 30th November from 9.30am-11.30am. Please book with School Office if you would like to visit.

Spirit of Christmas – 2nd December

Year 5&6 will be taking part in the Spirit of Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church on Saturday 2nd December. The concert begins at 4.00pm but the children are asked to be at the church at 3.15pm for a rehearsal. It should be finished by 5.30pm. Boys are expected to wear their normal school uniform. Please can the girls wear a skirt with black tights and a sweatshirt, not cardigan. The children will then look smart to perform in the choir. Please click on the below link to purchase your tickets.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/saffron-walden-choral-society



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Advent

Once again we have an Infant and Junior 100 Square. There are several advent calendars as prizes. 1st Prizes are Smiggle Calendars! £1 per square – please purchase on School Money.

100 Square

Advent Candles

Our popular St Thomas More Advent Candles are now available to order on School Money for just £3 each. There are now only 3 designs to choose from. Please see the attached picture and choose your design. If you would like to order please purchase the design you have chosen from the shop section in school money. (Nativity all sold out).

More Sports News

Year 4 Dodgeball



On Wednesday 8th November our Year 4 took part in the Uttlesford Dodgeball tournament at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre. The class were split into teams all playing in 6 matches against school from across the Partnership. The children had a wonderful time taking part in this event. Well done to everyone.

Cross Country



On Thursday 9th November the Junior Cross Team took part in the Uttlesford Cross Country competition at Herberts Farm. All the children ran confidently and with determination on a tricky surface. Some fantastic individual and team results saw all children qualifying for the district finals at Carver Barracks on Wednesday 28th February.

Prayer of the Week



Sunday 19th November will be the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time.

Alleluia, alleluia

Well done good and faithful servant.

Come and join God's happiness

Alleluia

Look at a poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers.

We thank you, God, for the lives of those who have died in war. We remember the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country. Amen.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm.

We ask you, God, to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, especially those in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. Give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others. Amen.

Cover the poppy with your hand. Poppies are fragile and need to be handled gently.

God, you care for those who are hurting and those who are sad. We ask you to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love. Amen.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy.

Help me, God, to do my part to bring peace at school, at home, and wherever I go. Amen.

By Year 3