

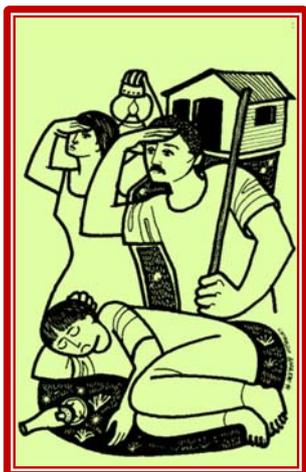
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This Week's Gospel (Mark 13:33-37)



This week's Gospel, which marked the first Sunday of Advent, warns us to be prepared as we will never be able to know when Jesus is coming. This means that we should always strive to lead a good life and not rely on repenting at the last moment, for who knows when the last moment might be. So in the run up to Christmas take the time to remember that, exciting though the thought of presents may be, the true meaning of Christmas is celebrating the birth of our Lord and the present that God gave us in the form of His Son Jesus.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath helps us to reflect and remember the true meaning of Christmas. The first candle to be lit is a purple and is

called the 'candle of JOY'.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

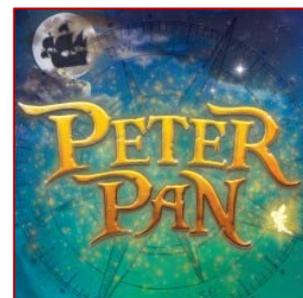


News Bulletins on SWTV

Please check out our website to see this week's newsletter being presented by the children as a SWTV News production. Just click on the [VIMEO link](#) at the bottom of the homepage and you will be able to view this week's broadcast and also the preceding weeks, just like 'catch up' TV! You will also find all of our assemblies on Vimeo too.

Panto Season

Well panto season is here (oh no it isn't). The younger children have started attending the show at the Kenneth More Theatre, and this year it is Peter Pan! We are sure there will be lots of delighted children with happy smiling faces, having witnessed Peter's battles with Captain Hook! Look out for the crocodile everyone. The older children will be having a special interactive panto show in hall very soon.



Absence From School

If your child is absent from school for any reason please call 020 8478 0510 and leave a message. The message should include: Your Child's NAME, CLASS and REASON FOR ABSENCE. Please try and be specific, unfortunately we do not have a code for 'unwell', so reasons such as flu, cold, headache, stomach ache, broken limb etc. would be a great help, thank you.



Last day of term 19th Dec 2017, break up at 1:30pm, return to school at 8:55am on Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Christmas Celebrations

-  The children will be performing a Carol Service in St Stephen's beginning at 10 o'clock. The children will also be acting out the Nativity, between carols and rest assured, we will be recording it and uploading it to the website. Please remember that both the school and the church are NO MOBILE ZONES. It is quite likely that children will be moving around the church so we would ask you to remain seated during the service to enable the children to get to where they are going easily and smoothly!
-  The children and staff are being given the opportunity to wear Christmas themed clothes, please do not feel that you have to spend lots of money on a new Christmas jumper. The children may simply wear Christmas colours, red, green, silver, gold etc. or just wrap a piece of tinsel around their wrist. As usual we would request a £1.00 donation to the Save the Children charity.
-  It is also our Christmas Dinner on the 15th December, so get ready to tuck into turkey and Christmas pud!
-  Also at the end of the school day we will raising money for St Agnes' and St Joseph's Nursery and Primary School in Nigeria. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the choir will be singing Christmas carols, to further help Tina's Amuzie's amazing efforts. Please donate what you are able to afford as you pass the choir singing away!
-  Glitter tattoos available during lunchtime, £1 each.



Commonwealth Youth Choir

On Monday the children in the Commonwealth Youth Choir performed at the prestigious central London Venue. Unfortunately we cannot use any of the photos taken on the day until after Christmas. This is because the performance was recorded and is due to be shown at a very significant time during the Christmas period. Please keep an eye out for them as it will make their **DAY** if you see them.

Maryland Carol Concert

The reputation of our school choir is so great that we have been invited by Newham Council to take part in a Carol Concert on Friday evening outside Maryland Station to help launch the Christmas Season. If you would like to pop along and join in please feel free to do so, the Carol Concert will take place between 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

PE Kit

Please remember that our PE Kit is Black shorts, skirt or jogging bottoms and a white polo shirt with the school logo on it. Please do not send your children to school dressed in complete branded tracksuits, they are not part of the uniform and should not be worn in school.

Cold Weather



Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather, i.e. boots, hats, scarves and coats etc. and that they have normal school shoes to change into once they are at school, thank you.



Black History Committee

The Black History Committee will meet for the first time on Friday 12th January during the Coffee Morning. If you registered an interest in joining the committee please come along for the opening session.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer:

Dear Jesus,

During this season when we look back and remember your birth, we are also watching and waiting for your return.

Amen. God Bless You,

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