



This week in school...



Year 6 - in Year 6 this week we have been busy preparing for the Christmas Concert. We spent some time practising our readings and songs for the performance. In class we have been looking at sample questions from the various Grammar School past papers so we can become familiar with the format. In Maths we have focused on looking at systems for working with codes in tricky questions and in our English lessons we are busy extending our vocabulary when engaged in Creative Writing activities. We also found some time to make lovely Christmas cards with Miss MacCarron in our Art lesson.

Year 5 - we have been investigating clauses; learning how to recognise them and use them within our own written work. In Maths we have been finding the area of triangles and other unusual shapes. We have worked really hard rehearsing for and taking part in the Christmas Concert. We are now practising carols to sing at Priestnall Court Care Home next Tuesday.

Year 3/4 - in Maths, we have been reviewing all of the key arithmetic skills that have been covered since September. It was great to see the progress every child in the class has made. We have also been applying our Maths skills to complete Christmas mosaic puzzles. During English lessons, we have practised all the writing skills we have learnt this year to produce exciting, well-planned stories. The highlight of the week was the Christmas Concert - Mr Brown was very impressed with our lovely performance of 'Little Drummer Boy'.

Year 3 - it has been a 'Christmassy' week in Year 3 with watching the Pantomime, making Christmas decorations and singing wonderfully in the Christmas Concert! In Maths, we have been recognising different fractions and counting up and down in tenths. In Religion, we have been learning about the Christmas Nativity and in our English lessons we have made our own books to describe the story of the birth of Jesus. We particularly enjoyed sharing our Christmas story books with the Pre-Prep children.

Year 1/2 - it's Christmas!! We've gone Christmas crazy...concert, panto and elf on the shelf. We've been doing Christmas Maths, learning about Christmas around the world, writing stories about being trapped in a snow globe AND making snow globes! We also enjoyed a Christmas workshop with Jill from CiST.

Pre-Prep - it's beginning to look and sound a lot like Christmas in Pre-Prep! There's a beautifully decorated tree, wonderful decorations hung on the walls, cards being made and gifts being wrapped! We also enjoyed taking part in the Christmas Concert, especially the singing!



STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep

Alys

Year 1/2

Elizabeth

Sofia

Year 3

Lily

Charlie

Year 3/4

Megan

Lily-Mae

Year 5

Osi

Zak

Year 6

Lotte

Bella

MARK: 295

MATTHEW: 303

MATTHEW IS THE WINNER - WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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Christmas Raffle

The raffle was drawn today and prize winners have been informed. Many thanks for supporting the raffle.

Mums' Night Out - 19 December

The mums' Christmas night out is on **Wednesday 19 December** at Roost. Please contact Sarah at the PTA email address if you'd like to go along.

Easyfundraising

The fundraising keeps on going! If you haven't registered yet, it's a great way to raise money for the PTA if you shop online. Log into Easyfundraising before you shop. Visit

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stellamarisschool/

PTA Funds

PTA funds have been used to subsidise the panto and to pay for transport for Tuesday's school trip to Staircase House. We will be meeting in the New Year to discuss activities for 2019 and other items for the PTA to fund to benefit the school.

SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to Jake and Holly who both achieved their brown belts at karate.



We also feature Oskar and Matilda who took part in a Swedish tradition, Santa Lucia, celebrated on the darkest day of the year with Lucia symbolising the light. Special cakes and singing are part of the tradition.

Please share details of your child's activities outside of school - Email: office@stellamarisschool.co.uk



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our boys and girls did us proud on Wednesday with a fabulous Christmas Concert. Here are a few photos for you to enjoy. We have uploaded lots more to our Facebook page.



CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH

The Trustees have kindly offered to cover the cost of the buffet lunch on Monday so children just need to bring a breaktime fruit snack and water bottle to school and lunch will be provided. We will have jam and cheese sandwiches, cheese rolls, crisps, fruit and biscuits. All dietary requirements will be catered for.

Pantomime

We had a great time watching the pantomime on Tuesday - a big thank you to the PTA for subsidising and serving up some treats!

Children are welcome to wear their own clothes on Wednesday. Assuming dry weather they will be going outside so please can they wear sensible shoes and bring a coat. School closes at 12 noon and there will be no after school club provision.

DROPPING OFF AT SCHOOL

In the interests of Safeguarding parents/guardians must bring their children to the school door in the morning so they are safely delivered into the care of the Before School Club staff. Children arriving after 8.40 am must be escorted into the playground by a parent or guardian.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY UNTIL 5.30PM

Monday	Multi-sports 3.05 - 4.30 (Pre-Prep—Yr 2)
Colouring Club - 8.15	Exam Club - 3.05pm - 4pm
Choir - 12.15	
Tuesday	
Running Club - 8.15	



Our junior after school sports club enjoyed taking on St John's at hockey this week. The game ended in a 6-2 defeat but the boys and girls still enjoyed developing their skills and playing a competitive match.

We are very appreciative of the fact that the proprietors of our local public house "The Heaton" allow us to use their car park at pick-up time in the evenings. However, they have got in contact to ask all parents who are using the facility to respect their disabled parking bays by not parking in them and only parking between the lines in the ordinary bays. Thanking you for your cooperation on this matter.

We were delighted to welcome Erin, Theo and Francesca to Pre-Prep this afternoon. They will be joining our Pre-Prep class in January.

TRIP TO STAIRCASE HOUSE

On Tuesday 18 December Miss Maiden's class will be going to Staircase House in Stockport on a class trip. They need to come to school in their uniform and a waterproof coat with a hood. Please can they bring their lunch in a disposable bag.

Happy birthday to Amelia who celebrates her birthday on Christmas Eve and Leyla who celebrates her birthday on New Years Day.

Diary Dates

	Priestnall Court
17 Dec - Christmas Buffet Lunch	19 Dec - finish for Christmas hols at 12 noon
18 Dec - Yrs 1&2 trip to Staircase House	7 Jan - School reopens
18 Dec - Yr 5&6 singing carols at	