



This week in school...



Year 6 - we have been investigating circles and the terminology associated with circles in our Maths lessons. We have been measuring radius and diameter and using these measurements to calculate the circumference and the arc of circles. We even challenged ourselves to understanding Pythagoras' Theorem! In our English lessons some wonderful stories were written for our wall display on "Our Perfect School Trip." We have also been busy practising our songs and instrumental pieces for the Christmas Concert - some real treats in store for the audience!

Year 5 - in Language we have been reading extracts from 'The Diaries of Anne Frank' learning a lot about life during WWII from her writing. In Maths we have been revising lots of mathematical methods to help us with different calculations.

Year 3/4 - we have been practising hard for our special class assembly. Mr Brown was impressed to see how well we worked together by encouraging each other with creative ideas and positive support. In English, we have continued our focus on speech marks. Mr Brown is pleased to see we are applying the skills we have learnt in our creative writing. In History, we have been studying Minerva, the Roman Goddess of Wisdom. We are becoming confident in writing in a range of character voices.

Year 3 - in Maths, we have been learning other words that mean the same as add and subtract to help us to solve addition and subtraction word problems. We have also started to learn our four times tables. In English, we have continued to read, follow and write instructions. We particularly enjoyed making paper snowflakes and writing instructions to explain how to make them. We were very proud of our writing so we shared our work with Mrs Johnson and the Year 6 children. In Religion, we have been learning about the meaning of 'Advent' and thinking about how we can prepare for Christmas.

Year 1/2 - we have been working on telling the time. Year 1 have been working on o'clock and half past and Year 2 have been using the five times tables to help tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. In English we have created sea creatures and planned stories about them. We have been rehearsing lots for the Christmas Show and we have turned our classroom into Santa's Grotto!



sorting them.

Pre-Prep - Aha me hearties! We've become boat building pirates this week; we designed our boats, built them and we hope to set sail to Treasure Island soon! We've been finding out about buoyancy by experimenting with water bottles and pebbles in the water tray. We've also been working hard in Maths with numbers to 20; ordering, naming and



Messy fun in Art for Pre-Prep



STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep

Angus

Year 1/2

Zahra

Jake

Year 3

Eva

Rose

Year 3/4

Agatha

Cara

Year 5

Hadi

Year 6

Holly

James

MARK: 215

MATTHEW: 212

MARK IS THE WINNER WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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Family Sponsored Welly Walk

We raised a massive £446.80 for Once Upon a Smile with our welly walk and silly socks events. Many thanks for your support.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 1 Dec, 1pm-3pm

Tomorrow's Fair looks set to be a super afternoon out with lots of fun and games! We have knock the elf off the shelf, poke a tree, Santa's grotto, a slime workshop and much more! Please do support it by visiting the Fair - even if you can just make it for 30 minutes.

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

We have raised over £50 for PTA funds in the last month on Easyfundraising. If you haven't registered yet, it's a great way to raise money for the PTA if you shop online. Please don't forget to log into Easyfundraising before you shop.

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

In December we have used funds to purchase a new keyboard for the music department and to subsidise the Chaplins Panto.

SUPERSTARS

We know our boys and girls are very busy outside of school but sadly we haven't had any photos shared with us this week! We will therefore celebrate Mr Brown's class who treated us to a fantastic assembly this morning all about St Andrew. We'll be uploading a video of the assembly to our YouTube channel for any parents/relatives who didn't manage to make it this morning.

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



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB RUNS EVERYDAY UNTIL 5.30PM

Monday

Colouring Club - 8.15
Choir - 12.15

Tuesday

Running Club - 8.15
Art Club - 12.15 - 1
Multi-sports 3.05 - 4.30 (Pre-Prep—Yr 2)

Wednesday

Construction Club - 8.15
ICT Club - 4pm

Exam Club - 4pm

Thursday

Making & Tasting - 8.15
Speech
Multi sports (Yrs 3-6) 3.05 - 4.30

Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6



CHRISTMAS FAIR AND RAFFLE

The PTA and staff have been working hard on preparations for tomorrow's Christmas Fair. We hope to see you there and bring your friends and family too! We'll have lots going on to entertain you and there will be some great shopping opportunities too. We will be selling raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas concert on Wednesday 12 December. If you would like to donate a raffle prize there's still time! Please just let the office know.



Can you guess my name?



Christmas hot choc cones

We have finalised the term dates for 2019/20 and these are now available on our [website](#). If you would prefer a paper copy of these please ask at the office.

Pre-Prep are looking at all things pirates at the moment. On Friday 7 December Pre-Prep pupils need to come to school dressed as pirates (just a stripy top and trousers/leggings - please don't buy anything special).



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas Concert takes place on Wednesday 12 December at St John's Church starting at 7pm.



In previous years we have always been able to accommodate everybody who wanted to attend. However, the church has recently removed its pews which means that there may not be sufficient seating so we need to be more mindful about ticket allocation this year.

To ensure all families get to see their child/children in action we will allocate two tickets per family. Please collect these from the office from Monday 3 December. If you require additional tickets please let the office know so we can add these to a list. We will then assess numbers on Friday 7 December and allocate additional tickets if we are able.

It's that time of year again when the wonderful actors from Chaplins visit us for a special Christmas panto (oh no it isn't!). We have again booked the gold standard panto which this year is [Cinderella](#). The panto is aimed at children aged between 3 and 12 years and has lots of jokes and silliness to entertain all! The PTA has again agreed to subsidise the event so the tickets are just £5 each. The panto takes place during the school day (11 Dec at 1pm) so parents do not have to attend but they are welcome to do so if they would like. Tickets available from the office. We will again be joined by children from local nurseries to enjoy the show too.

Diary Dates

1 Dec - PTA Christmas Fair

4 Dec - nasal flu immunisations

6 Dec - Yr 6 - singing carols at Abney Court

6 Dec - Yrs 3 & 4 - CiST

workshop

11 Dec - Chaplin's Christmas Panto

12 Dec - Christmas Concert 7pm

13 Dec - Pre-Prep and Yrs 1 & 2 - CiST Christmas Workshop

17 Dec - School

Christmas Buffet Lunch

18 Dec - Yrs 1&2 trip to Staircase House

18 Dec - Yr 5&6 singing carols at Priestnall Court

19 Dec - finish for Christmas hols at 12 noon

HEATONS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SUN 2ND DECEMBER - 11AM - 6PM - SHAW ROAD & HEATON MOOR RD

We will be opening our Advent boxes in school throughout December to reveal advent promises written by the children.

No birthdays in school this week.