



November 24th 2023

# Laleham Lea

A Catholic Independent School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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Thank you to everyone who sent in shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas child. We managed to donate an incredible 114 boxes which are now winging their way around the world.

The final count for Children in Need was £748.14.

Thank you all so much for your generosity with both of these campaigns.

Dear Parents

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to both Children in Need and Operation Christmas Child. The final Children in Need total was almost £750 and we donated 114 shoe boxes full of gifts, which is incredible.

Well done to our footballers who travelled to Collingwood on Wednesday. We put out two sides who both returned victorious with score lines of 9-1 and 6-0! Well done in particular to players who made the debuts this week and did brilliantly with one Year 5 student scoring an amazing volley and another providing 4 assists.

On Wednesday Year 1 and 2 parents were invited to a Maths' workshop with Mrs Pickett. We hope you found this informative and we will be looking at offering similar sessions and workshops to other year groups going forwards.

On Thursday we welcomed our Chair of Governors Ms Ryan along with Sharon Doherty from the Diocese for a 'deep dive' into the Catholic Life of the School. Our Year 4 led liturgy on kindness and charity beautifully. Thank you to all the students who met with our visitors to discuss their RE work, they were very impressed with all of

their answers and enthusiasm.

I met with Father Francis today from John the Baptist to see how we can work more closely together in our parish. He visited every classroom to introduce himself and is looking forward to meeting parents too in due course.

We are looking forward to our PTA Christmas Fair next week. Full details of the arrangements for the day were sent to parents this week but a reminder that students will need to be collected at 3.15pm at the latest to allow the fair doors to open at 3.30pm. Children must be supervised by parents whilst at the fair please.

Raffle tickets have been on sale since Wednesday and we have already made over £300 for the PTA. Please do buy your tickets next week if you have not had chance to do so yet. There are some great prizes on offer and it would be great to start the fair with significant funds already raised.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Head Teacher

## Nursery

This week was 'Story Week' in Nursery and each day children have listened to a story and participated in a variety of activities to reinforce their knowledge. This included a discussion about each story, its structure and its characters. We have also been looking at the roles of authors and illustrators. Other activities included:

- Listening to the story 'Room on the Broom' and answering questions to reinforce understanding.
- Completing a Maths activity placing the characters from 'Room on the Broom' in the correct order of size from the smallest to the biggest. We extended our vocabulary using words such as big, large, medium sized, small and little.
- We enjoyed completing a science experiment and used prompt cards to introduce new vocabulary and questioning after reading 'The Ginger Bread Man'.
- Listening to the story 'Goldie Locks and the Three Bears' in Spanish.
- Listening to the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and following instructions to colour the correct amount of beans.
- Listening to the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and answering questions to reinforce our knowledge of the story. We then used a variety of materials to design our own house. Some of the things we discussed were; How could you make it stronger? Would the wolf be able to blow the house down?



## Reception



This week in Reception, we have been enjoying the story 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We created some fantastic cauldrons and wrote the things that we would like to put into them - using rhyming words as we thought of them. In Mathematics, we have been comparing lengths, using slithery snakes and broomsticks! We also did some fantastic writing, paintings and role-play of the Annunciation during RE. Well done for another fantastic week Reception Class!

## Year 1



In Year 1 PSHE, the children have been learning about healthy eating. They designed some fantastic party tables full of delicious healthy food!

## Year 2



Year 2 have been writing acrostic poems about The Great Fire of London.

## Year 3



Following on from Anti-Bullying week, Year 3 made posters in PSHE for their class mantra 'Kind Hands, Kind Feet, Kind Words'.

## Year 4

Mrs Khan was overwhelmed by joy to watch Year 4 lead this week's liturgy with reverence, respect and compassion. Their empathy and message to 'serve others' echoed throughout the School accompanied by their euphonious singing.

In RE the pupils used their letter writing skills to scribe letters from Zechariah to inform his wife Elizabeth of the unexpected visit by Angel Gabriel bearing good news. "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You are to name him John. How glad and happy many others will be when he is born." Luke.1: 13-15.



## Year 5

In RE Year 5 have been learning about 'God's Covenant' and compared this with legal contracts.



## Year 6

Year 6 have produced some lovely writing on injustice and equality this week including this thoughtful prayer:

**Our Father,**

**A prayer for justice, for love to be spread around the world.**

**Open the hearts of those not yet kind,**

**May compassion awaken, pure and refined.**

**Oscar Romero and Martin Luther King, had risked their lives to save others.**

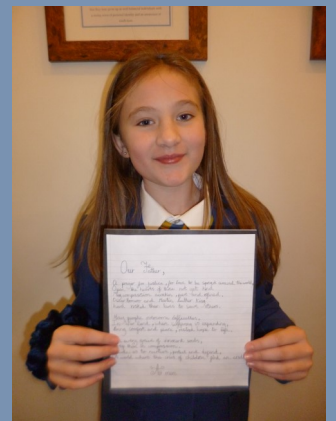
**May people overcome difficulties.**

**In war land, where suffering is expanding, bring comfort and peace, restore hope for life.**

**In every grief of innocent souls, wrap them in compassion.**

**Guide us to nurture, protect and defend. A world where the cries of children find an end**

**Amen**



## Stars of the week



Laleham Lea

# PTA Christmas Raffle 2023

\*Fortnum & Mason wine hamper worth (value £200)  
\*The View from The Shard & Three Course Meal at Marco Pierre White's London Steakhouse Co for Two (value £192)  
\*Family Supercar Driving Experience for Four (value £169)  
\*Skin Clinic consultation & skin peel worth £130  
\*Family Chelsea Football Club Stadium Tour (value £80) \*Essential oils gift basket (£75)  
\*Dolce Gusto Coffee Machine (Approx. £55) \*The Silverstone Museum for Two (value £50)  
\*Courvoisier Cognac \*Singleton Scotch Whisky \*Old Pulteney Scotch Whiskey  
\*Penderyn Welsh Whiskey \*Loch Lomond Scotch Whiskey  
\*Christmas hamper \*Lindt Chocolate Gift Set  
\*Baby Ballet 3-week trial voucher worth £18  
\*£15 Vue Cinema voucher \*Pottery voucher  
\*2x Swimming vouchers \*Running Club voucher \*Face painting  
\*Activity day at Purley Sports' Club  
\*Pink Fizz Scented Candle \*2 vouchers for 4x Rock Project (2 prizes)  
\*Haribo Supermix \*Bulldog Skincare \*Restore cosmetics \*Organic Trofie & Orrechietto  
\*2-week trial at Moxie Academy

Tickets £5 a strip  
Draw to take place on December 5th

ISLANDS



**LALEHAM LEA - PTA**

# Christmas FAIR

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
3.30 PM TO 5.00 PM**

### *Sweet Dreamz Food*

**Hotdogs £2    Vegan Hotdogs £2.50    Popcorn (L) £2 (S) £1    Candyfloss £2**

**- Sweet Dreamz Food accept card payments or cash -**

#### *Nursery Classroom*

Reindeer Food Making  
Reindeer Hoopla  
Pin the nose on Rudolph

#### *Reception Classroom*

Sweet Pong  
The Grinch's Lucky  
Dip (balls/sprouts)

#### *Year 1 Classroom*

Ornament Decorating  
Bric-a-Brac stall

#### *Art Room*

Face Painting  
Glitter Tattoos


#### *Long Room*


Bottle Tombola  
Kid's Tombola  
Chocolate Tombola

#### *Lunch Room*

Cake, Tea and Crisps  
Roaming Santa -  
Candy Canes


**All pupils will need to be supervised at all times by an adult (parents or carers) whilst at the fair. Please only take photographs of your own child and do not post on social media. Also please bring lots of change (£1 and 50p coins) and have lots of fun!**



**St Mark and St Swithun  
Advent Craft afternoon  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30-4:30**


Fun time for Children aged 5-11 years  
 lots of fun Christmas crafts to make  
**including --Tree decorations/ table decorations/nativity scenes/  
 wreaths/ star biscuits//star decorations/ and lots more.**  
Places are limited – Book early to avoid disappointment.  
**St Mark's Church Hall Church Road CR8 3QQ**  
 £10 per child to cover the cost of materials

Child's name.....  
 Age.....Allergies.....  
 Address.....  
 Post code.....Tel No:.....  
 Contact name.....Relationship.....  
 Emergency contact during event.....  
 Name of person collecting.....  
**Payment Cheque to payable to St Marks PCC**  
**bank transfer-A/c 26624214 – sort-60-06-14 –**  
**stating Advent Crafts**  
**Return forms to St Marks Parish Office (letter box by hall door)**  
**email [revfionaweaver@gmail.com](mailto:revfionaweaver@gmail.com) for more details**

Croydon Health Services   
 NHS Trust

**School Aged Flu Vaccination Clinics – No appointment  
 needed**

The Croydon Immunisation team is holding clinics and offering the flu vaccine (Nasal Flu vaccine or Injectable Flu vaccine) to all students in reception to year 11.

Please Note - We offer the Nasal Flu vaccine or the Injectable Flu vaccine to all students from reception to under the age of 18 years old that attend a special needs school

**Location: Croydon Health Services, 12-18 Lennard Road, Croydon  
 CR9 2RS**

**Immunisation Team Contact Tel number: 0208 274 6453 (9am -5pm)**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	9.00-15:45
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	9.00-15:45
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	9.00-15:45
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	TBC Please ring 0208 274 6453
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	TBC Please ring 0208 274 6453