

# SMA News

*This Sunday is the second Sunday in Advent. The candle stands for Faith in our world*



## Upcoming Events

### Friday 6th December–

Final Mufti Day in exchange for bottles

Science Extravaganza display in the school hall – 8.15-10am ALL parents are welcome.

School Fete “Meet Santa”, after school 3.45pm start. All are welcome.

### Thursday 19th December

Choral speaking Assembly (KS2) 9.10am  
Carol singing at Morrisons 6pm

### Tuesday 10th December

KS1 School Nativity 2.15pm in school

### Friday 13th December

PTA Christmas market—after school in the playground

### Friday 20th December

WS Mass ( 9.15am) in school. Followed by mince pies and tea for invited guests and helpers of the school.

No After School Club tonight. School finishes at 3.15pm

### Wednesday 11th December

KS1 School Nativity 6pm in school

### Monday 16th December

ASC Christmas Party  
KS2 Carol Service in church 7pm

### Monday 6th January 2020

School re opens for all staff and children.

The feast of the Epiphany



**Teaching assistants multi tasking, in preparation for the ‘Science Extravaganza’, tomorrow.**



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## ADVENT BUILD UP

The list continues from last week:

- ◆ 6/12: School Fete (after school) and final Mufti day.
- ◆ 10/12: Y5 to represent school at the Walsall Catholic Cluster Carol Service and KS1 “The Wriggly Nativity” in the school hall (2.15pm)
- ◆ 11/12: KS1 “The Wriggly Nativity” in the school hall (6pm)
- ◆ 12/12: Christmas Dinner in school
- ◆ 12/12 Musical Assembly (2.15pm)
- ◆ 13/12: PTA Christmas Market (3.15pm)
- ◆ 16/12: After School Club Christmas Party
- ◆ 16/12: SMA Carol Service (KS2) in church - 7pm
- ◆ 17/12: EYFS “Shine Star Shine” Nativity 9.15am in hall
- ◆ 18/12: KS2 Christmas Parties.
- ◆ 19/12: Choral Speaking Assembly for KS2 9.10am & EYFS/KS1 Parties
- ◆ 19/12: KS2 Carol Singing at 6pm in Morrisons (for charity)
- ◆ 20/12: Whole School Mass (9.10am) followed by Tea/Coffee for all of our helpers and friends of SMA.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus**



**Y2 and Y1 are improving in their independence– the cloakroom was immaculate today... well done to them all.**



*The Wriggly Nativity (aptly named)... here is a sneak preview. We look forward to it.*

## Congratulations and reminders

Our Christmas tree has a good smattering of gifts underneath it – many thanks. Please keep them flowing—they will make a child feel very happy, this Christmas.

Tomorrow is a very busy day. It is our final Mufti Day for the PTA Summer Fair. It is also our Science Extravaganza – we look forward to welcoming parents into our busy school day on both levels.

Can I thank parents who reminded children, last week, to remember how to behave, even if they are in their mufti outfits... behaviour was hugely improved. Can I ask that you remind your child about your expectations again, tomorrow – this avoids a difficult conversation at the end of the day.

Please remember to arrive at school, tomorrow evening, with lots of loose change and in good spirits. We will have Santa, elves, reindeer food and much more to entertain and amuse. Thank you, as always, to the many volunteers who beaver away behind the scenes, to make the fete a great success – your children will benefit greatly – they always do.

I believe there is a cake stall—so please bring your fine baking for me, er I mean for **all** to sample and buy.

Thank you for the many blue bags returned. All go towards raising funds for the PTA.

## Christmas Kindness

Last week, I received a lovely phone call from a resident– there was genuinely no aggression, no anger, just concern.

She shared knowledge that I hope will stir emotions in some of your hearts—as it did in mine. She explained that she had witnessed two elderly residents, recently– with considerable frailty—really trying hard to reverse out of a very tight space behind their drive caused by discourteous parking.

She then explained that another day she had witnessed an elderly resident requesting that parents turn off their engines – in recognition of his breathing and bronchial condition. He was flatly turned down and ignored- by our parents, who needed to sit in their cars with their engines on.

Please can I ask that we share the milk of human kindness and grasp the olive branch with our residents. I know that, on occasions, there have been some unpleasant and aggressive run ins – I do not admire or support that—I just ask that we park fairly, turn our engines off and demonstrate the mutual respect that we ask from others. Thank you in anticipation.

On a very positive note, I also had a great chat with a local family, praising our children for their excellent manners and explaining that on a regular basis the children cheer her and her family up—with their cheerfulness and their kind ways. That is worth sharing too, I think.

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