

# SMA News

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday 9th January 2020

Swimming starts in Y4

### Friday 10th January

**Living with disability – outside speaker to share his experiences of disability with children**

### Wednesday 15th January 2020

PTA Meeting in school 7.30pm.  
All are welcome

### Thursday 16th January 2020

Beat the Winter Blues themed lunch (please see attached)

### Friday 17th January 2020

Y5 Prayer Service 2.45pm

**Mrs Heenan leaves for her maternity leave – with all of our prayers and good wishes**

### Thursday 23rd January 2020

Elite Inspection

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## WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year to you all—Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Governors and friends. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and New Year, too.

Huge thanks to all of the fabulous Carol Singers who sang so festively in Morrison's, including staff; we managed to raise £87.92 for charity. The School Council will be deciding where they feel would benefit locally from the money. I will keep you posted.

Secondly, Fr Craig has asked that I pass on his delight at the number of children who joined in with the special 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve. He said there were in excess of 400 people present and 40+ children dressed up in Nativity Costumes. He said it really made him proud to be part of such a great celebration, in preparation for Christmas. Thank you to him for encouraging our pupils and thank you to you, parents for "joining in".

## A prayer for today



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## Reminders

There are a few children who are pushing boundaries, with regard to uniform. Can I just remind all parents that shoes are compulsory – not trainers or boots or vans, in preparation for all secondary schools.

Can I also remind parents about children needing to be in shirts, blouses and ties. Some children are wearing non uniform colours and are also wearing non uniform tops. Please refer to the uniform list attached.

Finally, can I remind all parents that any child with long hair needs to have their hair tied back in school time, and that earrings are permitted in school colours only. They cannot be worn for any P.E or Sports related activities.

## PTA News

I have now spoken to three separate playground equipment reps, with regard to the PTA funds, which have been raised to date. The reps are looking at a small piece in the EYFS playground and larger pieces to replace the KS1/KS2 equipment. The ideas are really lovely, and some are very different to what we already have. I will also be speaking with our School Council to gather their thoughts too. Watch this space. The next PTA Meeting is on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7.30pm

## What's new?

We welcome Mr Sutton to Y4. He has already made a great start – children and staff recognise his calm, flexible, fair approach as a positive asset to our KS2 team. Parents, please make him feel welcome for me. Many thanks in anticipation.

The children have made a good start to the new term; they will be asked to really work hard across the next 12 weeks, leading up to Easter – please work with them.

Mrs Howlett and the kitchen team will be hosting a "Beat the Winter Blues" themed Lunch, next Thursday (16th January). Please encourage your child to take part... it sounds like a lovely finger buffet. ( Please see flyer attached for details).

## Gospel and British Values Focus

Our Gospel values this half term are about showing **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**. We will be looking for examples of that in all that we do. Let me know if you have any to share too. Tomorrow in school, we will be visited by Mr John McCorkell, an inspiring speaker who uses his own disabilities to educate children to show understanding and mutual respect.

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# Beat the “Winter Blues” with an SMA Special Children’s Buffet Lunch

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The following will be on offer :

*Sausage rolls*

*Fresh bread rolls*

*Chicken nuggets*

*Selection of crisps*

*Veggie bites*

*Salad bar*

*Cheese and onion rolls*

*Mini sausages*



Desserts:

Chocolate cake

Watermelon



***Offering variety, choice, finger foods, and something slightly different to look forward to.***



Parents, as a standalone kitchen, requested by parents back in 2014, we have gone from strength to strength - increasing from 75 dinners to 110+ hot dinners each day.

**However, we cannot run without your funding.** Please encourage your children to join in with our themed days and with our differing lunches. Our prices are competitive locally, and what we offer is excellent value for your money and is fully compliant with British Food Standards. Children learn to eat socially and try new things for themselves, as well as practising with a knife and fork- a dying skill. Why not get together with other Mums and Dads and encourage your children to try one or two days a week? Peer pressure often works. Ultimately, children need to enjoy eating socially and experiment with different tastes, independently. We will tell you if they are not eating what is provided ... we promise.



Regards - **The School Cooks**

**FULL TIME NURSERY AND KS2 CHILDREN: PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR SCHOOL DINNER BY MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 9.00AM, VIA THE SCHOOL GATEWAY. RECEPTION AND KS1 CHILDREN, WE WILL ASSUME THAT YOU WILL BE HAVING A SCHOOL DINNER TODAY.**



## School Uniform

The policy of the school is that pupils should wear school uniform. This is based on the belief that school uniform, among other things, provides a corporate sense of identity.

Children are expected to be well presented. For hygiene reasons long hair must be tied back. Artificially coloured hair beaded braids and gelled styles are inappropriate. So, too are tram lines in hair.

### Winter

Long grey/black straight leg school trousers (short ones may be worn April - September)

Plain brown pinafore or skirt

Long sleeved white shirt/blouse

Brown V neck pullover/cardigan

Brown/Gold stripe tie

Grey/white socks or brown tights

Coat or anorak

Black or brown shoes (no trainers) Maximum heel height 1".

White, brown or yellow hair ribbons

### Summer

White /yellow polo shirt

Brown V neck pullover/cardigan

Short grey trousers (optional)

Yellow and white gingham/checked dress

Grey/white socks

Black or brown shoes (no trainers) No open toed sandals

White, brown or yellow hair ribbons

### P.E. Kit

Plain red T shirt

Plain black shorts

Plain red sweatshirt with school emblem

Plain black jogging bottoms

Black pumps

Trainers are optional for outside use only.

Football boots/shin pads (if participating in

Extra-curricular football)

*All School uniform is available via our online school providers A & J Designs*

It is of great assistance if your child's name is in every article of clothing. This can avoid mix-ups and prevent children from becoming unnecessarily upset.

It is expected that the children will wear uniform at all times. If this causes a problem, please consult with the Head teacher.