



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children again next week. The school diary is unusually quiet for this time of year but the children continue to enjoy a rich and diverse range of learning opportunities. Thanks to everyone who donated spare Oxford Reading Tree books last week – they will come in really useful.

School Christmas Lunch

We will be having our school Christmas lunch on Friday 11th December. All children (including Years 3-6) will have the opportunity to have a Christmas lunch on the day. Further details and information about how to register your child will follow next week. This will also be a mufti (own clothes) day and children will be invited to wear a Christmas jumper to support 'Save the Children' charity.

Advent Challenges

After the success of the lockdown challenges and the more recent maths challenges, we have decided to set some advent challenges, to help our pupils to focus on 'the reason for the season' amid all the commercial noise of the build up to Christmas. These will be sent out each Monday for the next four weeks and each week there will be an advent theme to help us celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you decide to try the week's challenge and would like to share your creations with us, don't forget that you can email pictures to admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk or Tweet them. We would love to see them!



Panto at St Aidan's

On Friday 4th December, St Aidan's will be having a Panto day. The Parent's Association have very kindly agreed to fund a performance of Sleeping Beauty by Big Foot Theatre. This will be streamed to the school and all years will be able to watch in their classrooms. The performance has been specially personalised for our school.

To make this day even more special, it will be a mufti day for all years. If children wish to dress up as their favourite pantomime character (Peter Pan, Puss in Boots, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty etc.), they are more than welcome to do so. Especially considering the current restrictions on shopping, there is no expectation that people go out and buy costumes. Normal own clothes can be worn instead if your child does not want to dress up or does not have the resources available to do so.

Thank you very much to the Parent's Association for their generous funding.



St Mary: Eliana Adedipe
St. Francis: Oyeme Omozuapo
St. Joseph: Stanley Page
St. Bernadette: Hannah Griffin
St. Theresa: Harry Workman
St. Peter: Carla Mancuso
St Paul: Abigail Yusoof



St Mary: Sienna Harewood
St. Francis: Danell Reddie
St. Joseph: Ivory Mensah
St. Bernadette: Gisela Maier
St. Theresa: Ethan Kelly
St Peter: Chloé Kaspersen
St Paul: Lucia Dias

Rainbow Trust Colouring Competition

The Rainbow Trust Charity (you may remember that we supported them with our 2.6 challenge in the Summer) have invited our pupils to take part in their logo design competition. The idea is to design a Christmas logo for Rainbow Trust, using the link provided

(<https://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/uploads/other/pdfs/Christmas-Colouring-Template.pdf>) . The designs will then be judged and our favourite will be set as our Rainbow Trust profile picture on social media for the whole of December.

RAINBOW TRUST

SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH A SERIOUSLY ILL CHILD

Open Day Virtual Events

There are two remaining open days for prospective parents to see the school (virtually!) before Christmas:

- Friday 27th December (2pm)
- Monday 7th December (5pm)

Please click on this link for further details on how to apply for a place at St Aidan's school for your child:

<https://www.staidansschool.co.uk/about/admissions/>

Covid Updates

The number of confirmed Covid cases in Croydon schools doubled last week from 50 to 100! This is a stark reminder of how we all need to remain vigilant and work together to minimise the possibility of an outbreak resulting in partial or whole school closure. This includes adhering to guidelines around childcare bubbles, gatherings such as birthday parties etc, and looking out for symptoms among your children or other family members.

If your child has been at home awaiting the results of a Covid test, can you please email confirmation of the negative result to school before your child returns to school. Thank you for your cooperation in continuing to follow the guidelines regarding masks at drop-off and pick-up.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Year 6 Liturgy

On Wednesday, Year 6 gathered under the trees for their own liturgy to remember, celebrate and respond to their topic on Vocation and Commitment. It was a beautiful day and the children were able to partake in a very meaningful liturgy, which they helped to plan and deliver themselves.



Achievement

Well done to Dylan and Alex who both won medals for their participation in a rugby festival before lockdown with their team Chipstead. Great work boys!

