



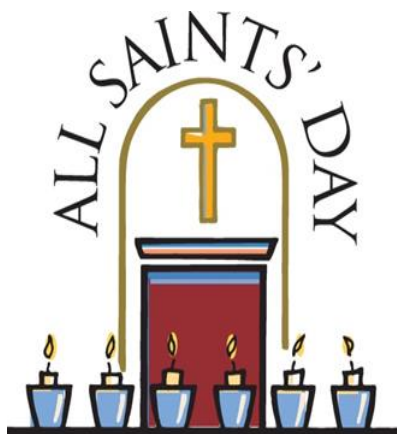
All Saints' Day

Wednesday 1st November is the feast of All Saints.

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church. The day is dedicated to all those who have reached heaven. Although millions or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances focus on known saints – that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All the children will be joining in with the celebration of Mass at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 10 a.m.**

As with all Masses at the church, everyone is welcome – so if you can, please come along and join us on this special day.



Admissions for September 2018 & Open Day

This is the time of year when parents of children who will be five during the next academic year need to sort out school places.

There is a county-wide Common Application Form for primary schools and, for faith schools like Stella Maris, parents are also required to complete a Supplementary Form. The Common Application Forms, together with an explanatory booklet, are now available online. If an online application is difficult for you, a paper form is available from the school office.

Applications for children due to start primary school in September 2018 open on **6th November 2017 and close on Monday 15th January 2018**. Parents must have completed their applications and returned the form to KCC or apply online by this date. They must also send the Supplementary Form to school by 15th January 2018.

If you know of anyone interested in applying for a place in Reception next September, please make sure they contact the school as soon as possible to check that all the correct forms have been completed.

The school will be holding an Open Morning on **Tuesday 21st November from 9.30 a.m.** Again, if you know of anyone interested in applying for a place in September, please encourage

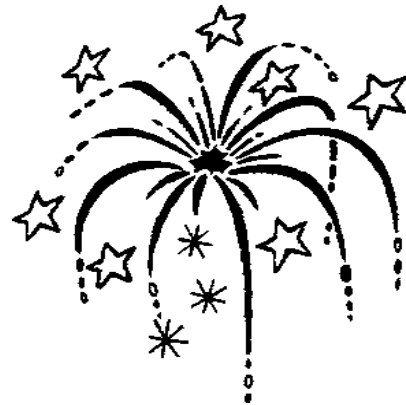
them to come and look around our school.

Congratulations – once again – to Mrs Fell !

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Fell is expecting another baby! This exciting news means that she will plan to commence her maternity leave early in the new year.

As always, the school will keep you updated with plans of how her absence will be covered.

Firework Display



Once again, the time has come round for our Firework Display - this year it will be on **Monday 6th November**. As usual, we are expecting to have a great time and in the process hope to raise much-needed money for the school.

Mr Holdsworth has kindly agreed to come back to the school and deliver an excellent display as usual - this will begin at about 7 p.m. but from 6 p.m. sausages, chips, drinks etc. will be on sale at the usual reasonable prices.

Ticket prices are very reasonable – £4 for adults, £2 for children or £10 for a family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children). Admission will again be by ticket only and we won't be selling any at the gates. If bad weather (heavy rain or strong winds) prevents us from holding the display on 6th November it will be postponed until later so tickets won't be wasted.

Please book your tickets as soon as possible, using the form below.

A HUGE thank you to our terrific PA !

Over the past term, our Parents Association have donated over £1,100 to the school to support trips (including coach fares), signage, benches and book bags. Over the forthcoming months this group of dedicated parents are continuing to support the school with outdoor learning initiatives. Thank you so much to all of those involved in the PA and of course, the entire school community that support these fantastic fundraising events. It is wonderful to see the children of the school benefiting from these events.

PA – Coach Trip

Did you know our PA are organising a Coach Trip to Bluewater for adults? If you are interested please talk to Kate Burrows. This is scheduled for

Saturday 18th November. The cost of the tickets are £15 each.

Do you need to speak to a teacher ?

If you or your child have any worries, please make an appointment to see the teacher after school rather than trying to catch up with them in the playground. This will ensure privacy for all and that your discussion is given adequate time.

Our School App

Watch this space for news on a new communication initiative that we hope to launch early in Term 2. This will be an excellent way of keeping parents (and the wider school community) updated with latest news and events on a regular basis.



Healthy Snacks

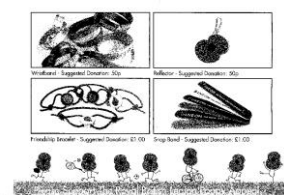
Over the past term, we have noticed an increased number of children bringing snacks to school that are not suitable for break times. Please ensure your children are sent to school with either a healthy cereal bar or piece of fruit. These are the only snacks the children should have during playtime.

The First Aiders at Stella Maris are as follows:-

- Health and Safety at work (Adult First Aid: Mr Burton and Mrs Tidd)
- Paediatric First Aiders – Mrs Dickenson, Mrs Calzolari and Miss Gallagher.



Poppy Appeal



During the first week back, the Unicorn class will be selling items during break times to raise funds for the annual Poppy Appeal. These items have a suggested donation of 50p for Wristbands or Reflector or £1.00 for either a Friendship Bracelet or Snap Band.

Firework display – Monday 6th November 2017

Child's name: Class:

Please send me adult tickets at £4 each children's tickets at £2 each
 family tickets at £10 each (2 adults & up to 3 children)

I enclose in payment for the tickets.

Signed : _____ Date: _____