



newsletter

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Fundraising Totals

A huge thank you to all the pupils, parents, staff and wider community of Stella Maris that have supported our Advent fundraising events. Money received to date is as follows:-

Advent Breakfast	£216.00
Christmas Jumper Day	£106.00
Christmas Plays/Production	£232.50
Grand Total	£486.50

In addition, a huge thank you for all the new toys that have been donated from the community to go to the Salvation Army appeal. This was taken to the Folkestone Salvation Army earlier in the week by Mr Langley and will give some children in our town a gift this Christmas.



Attendance Table

At Stella Maris, our attendance target is to be above 96%. The league table below shows how the children are currently fairing.

Congratulations to the Dragons who at the time of printing the newsletter, take the lead on the table!

Imps	97.23%	Pixies	96.76%
Elves	95.05%	Hobbits	97.08%
Dragons	97.26%	Griffins	96.17%
Unicorns	95.17%	Overall	96.49%

Punctuality

Please remember that school starts at 8.45 a.m. prompt. **Parents are asked to leave the playground promptly** in order that the gates are locked at 8.50 a.m. after which your child will need to come into school via the office. If arriving this way, the children will then be given a late mark on the register.

Every effort should be made for children to arrive by 8.45 a.m. Repeated lateness will result in letters being sent home.

Arrival after 9.15 a.m. is recorded as Unauthorised for the entire morning session.

After School Provision

We are delighted to announce the After School Provision will continue (initially until Easter but we anticipate this becoming a permanent fixture!) These sessions are held each night until 5.00p.m. latest.

If you are interested in booking a regular slot for this provision, please see the office.



Illness, Attendance and Absence from School

The school year is made up of 190 days. We should aim for 100% attendance.

However, if your child has Diarrhea and vomiting, the NHS Guidelines is to keep your child at home for 48 hours after their last episode. Please respect these guidelines in order to not spread germs throughout the school.

Communication – Ourschoolsapp/ParentPay

Just a reminder to all parents that the easiest way to check what is happening in the school is to look on ourschoolsapp. This is used to communicate updates, alerts and general calendar items.

Please check for information on this app in the first instance.

More detailed messages are usually emailed out to parents directly via ParentPay.

If you do not have access to these systems, please let the office know in order that they can manually contact you with any urgent updates.

Admissions for September 2018

Parents have until **Tuesday 15th January 2019** to have applied to KCC online, at www.kent.gov.uk/ola and to complete and return the Supplementary Form to school.

School Meals

Please be aware school meals are increasing by 5p in January – they will now be £2.25 per day.

Please remember to book your child's dinner for January. Meal numbers are submitted to the Kitchen at 9.30 a.m. each day, therefore parents **MUST** book these directly through ParentPay. The office no longer have the facility to override these numbers.

After School Club

Below you will find the current time table for after school activities. If you are interested in your child attending one of these sessions, please complete the necessary slip or email office@stellamaris.kent.sch.uk

Monday – Friday	After School Provision - £5 per child per session.
Monday	Yoga Sessions Mrs Perez Football Club (Y5 & Y6) Mr Langley
Tuesday External bookable Provision	High Five Gymnastic Sessions Commences Term 3 Bookings via High5
Wednesday	Gardening Club Mrs Felicetti/Mrs Green Running Club Mrs Moore
Thursday External bookable Provision	Football Club Elite – Books via Elite Ready Steady Bake Mrs Bain
Friday	Choir with Duncan

The Sunshine Club will resume in Term 6 once the Holy Communion classes are finished.

This week, parents who have booked their child onto one of the After School Activities/Provision will have received confirmation emails via ParentPay and the School Office. If you have any

doubt, please email office@stellamaris.kent.sch.uk

Nativity & Carol Concerts

A very big thank-you to all those involved in both the KS1 and KS2 Christmas events. Both of these events reflected the true meaning of Christmas and the children did us proud.



St Edmund's School - Dover

We are delighted with the relationship between our school and St Edmunds' Dover which continues to flourish. This week, Duncan and 11 of the School Choir visited their school to take part in a festive Carol Concert celebrating Christmas together. This was a beautiful occasion for all. We would like to thank them for their on-going support – especially with transport.



Finally, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!