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NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2019

Mass in Church (9.30 a.m.) – Autumn Term 2019

Year Group	Date
Year 3	Monday 25 th November
Reception	Monday 2 nd December

Mass in the Classroom 2:30 pm

Year 6	Tuesday 26th November
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Sunday 1st December at 11:00am

All Year 3 children are expected to attend so that they can be enrolled into the Sacramental Programme for the next four years. Please see Fr John if this is a problem.

Blessing of Advent Wreaths & Travelling Cribs – Mon 2nd Dec – 10.15am

Everyone is very welcome to join us in school for this Blessing with Father John.

Children who showed the virtue of Hope

Rec – Mia P
 Year 1 – Joseph D
 Year 2 – Myla C
 Year 3 – Jacob M
 Year 4 – Daisey H
 Year 5 – Noah K
 Year 6 – Jessica H

PATIENCE

Lord, Teach me to be patient, with life, with people, and with myself. I sometimes try to hurry too much, and I push for answers before the time is right. Teach me to trust your sense of timing rather than my own and to surrender my will to your greater and wiser plan. Amen

ADVENT – THE TRAVELLING CRIB

Your child will, over the coming weeks, bring home a travelling crib. We ask that you spend some time together as a family following the suggestions on the card enclosed with your crib. Please take good care of our cribs and report any issues to your child's class teacher on the day you return the crib. Cribs are ideally used at home on the evening your child brings it home, and returned to school the following day - this is to ensure all families in school have the opportunity to pray with the travelling crib.

NOROVIRUS (WINTER VOMITING BUG)

You will probably already be aware that the Norovirus is making people very unwell at the moment, and a number of schools have had to close due to this illness. Luckily, we do not seem to have had many cases of vomiting, however may we remind you that should your child begin vomiting, they **MUST** remain off school for 48 hours, and ideally until they are feeling completely better. If children come into school before the bug has subsided, you run the risk of spreading this to other children, and also staff. Please feel free to look at this link for NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>

With the colder weather approaching, there is also this useful guidance from the NHS which explains when your child should/should not be kept off school for common ailments <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please feel free to contact the office if you have any queries regarding the above. Thank you.

THEATRE VISITS

Key Stage 2 had a fantastic time at the Pantomime on Wednesday, and we are sure that Reception and Key stage 1 will enjoy theirs next week. May we remind you how much we rely on your contributions for these visits. With school budgets being as tight as ever, if we are to continue to run these exciting visits, we do rely heavily on your help. Even if the trip has taken place, and you were unable to

contribute beforehand, please do check ParentPay as this will still be live on there for payments to be made. This is the same for all visits. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is now in school! It will be open each morning, 8.30am – 8.45am, and on an evening 3.20pm – 3.40pm. The last session will be the morning of Wednesday 4th December, as it will be collected later that day.

POLITE REMINDER

Please be reminded that only plain water is permitted in water bottles. A number of children are bringing juice to school, which is against our school's healthy eating policy.

POLITE REMINDER (2)

Now that the Year 1 children are settled, parents do not need to come into the cloakroom to help the children to get ready in a morning. The cloakrooms become very crowded and as a result, the children find it difficult to organise themselves. By keeping the cloakrooms as clear as possible, we are encouraging children to be independent and ready to learn. Please be reminded that doors open at 8.40 so that children can begin learning at 8.40. Doors close for registration at 8.50. Children arriving after 8.50 must enter school via the main entrance. Thank you for your understanding.

MISSION TOGETHER

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations throughout the month of October for Mission Together. So far we have raised £455.32 for this cause by doing our 'Day of Many Colours', the bun sale, and the Rosary Cup. Please don't forget to keep filling your 'Mission Together' boxes with any spare change that you have. We will be asking for these bringing into school nearer Christmas.

POPPY APPEAL 2019

This year we raised £279.19 for the Poppy Appeal here in school. We have received a thank you card from the organisers, which can be seen in the school office. They have also sent us the left over pin badges from this year's appeal. These pin badges are a memento for 100 years since the first remembrance in 1919. If anyone would like one, please bring a small donation to the office.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Christmas Craft Afternoons: Thank you to all the parents, guardians and other adults who joined the children for our craft afternoons. This event was well attended and the children really enjoyed working alongside their family members.

Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 10th December

KS2 Carol Service – Tuesday 17th December in Church – 6.00pm

Reception Nativity – Wednesday 18th December – 9.15am

KS1 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 18th December – 2.30pm

Christmas Parties – Thursday 19th December – Details to follow

MESSAGES FROM KAREN HALL

Thank you to all those who helped at the fair in anyway on stalls, setting up, bringing bags and cakes or supporting us on the day.

The winner of the £5 carrier bag was Oliver B, Year 1.

We made over £2,300 which is brilliant, but the social support of the parish is even more important.

It shows what a loving, Christian community we are!

Ss Peter & Paul – Children's Liturgy Group – Advent Project

The Children's liturgy group have provided stars in the porch. Please write the name of someone you would like prayers for during advent and we will put them on the liturgy advent frieze. The children and the rest of the congregation will pray for them each week.

"IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER" Matthew 21:22

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

Christmas Shops

These will take place on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December 2019. Gifts have been purchased for Men, Women, Grandparents and Siblings - all wrapped and priced at £2.50 each.

If your child/ren are purchasing more than one gift, please can we request that a clearly marked, sealed envelope detailing who the gifts are for are written on the front, so we can help the children choose their gifts appropriately and a carrier bag is also sent in. Many thanks, FOSPAP

Non-Uniform Day

Children will be asked to come in non-uniform on Thursday 5th December in exchange for donations for the Christmas Hampers (wine/spirits, chocolates etc). Please can you ensure that any donations sent into school are within date! Many thanks

Christmas Raffle Tickets

All children should be bringing home an envelope shortly with £10 worth of raffle tickets in. The FOSPAP would be very grateful if you could sell as many tickets as possible, with a chance to win one of the many wonderful Christmas Hampers on offer! If you require additional tickets, please ask the School Office. Please ensure that all tickets sold have a name and contact number on. All money, stubs of sold tickets and strips of unsold tickets must be returned to school before Friday 13th December 2019 (in the envelope). The draw will take place on Wednesday 18th December 2019 immediately after the Christmas Productions (pm)

The next FOSPAP meeting will take place on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 6.30pm in School – all very welcome.

Paid work opportunity with the J&P Commission in the Diocese of Leeds

Do you want to make the world a better place? Do you have the time and skills to help the Commission in its work of celebrating & encouraging action about social justice issues across the Leeds Diocese? We need one or two self-employed people who are available, on a flexible basis, to do about 500hrs of work per annum – sourcing and adding content to our website, posting to Facebook, editing our newsletter and servicing the meetings of the Commission and its executive -as well as organising events like our Days of Reflection. A lot of this work can be done remotely at times to suit the individual doing it. Please email jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for a set of the Terms of Reference detailing out the activities that we need doing or see the home page of our website - www.leedsjp.org.uk **Closing date 20 Dec 19**