



CATHOLIC LIFE



Last Sunday marked the beginning of the churches year and the season of Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting, a time where we are preparing ourselves for Jesus' coming at Christmas and for his glorious return. In the Gospel we are urged to stay awake and be vigilant for the coming of Christ. On the first Sunday of Advent we lit the Hope candle on our Advent wreath as we wait in hope for the coming of our Saviour. This Sunday Father will light the second purple candle, this candle represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem **Candle**" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

ATTENDANCE

How good is your attendance?

A = 100% Excellent

B = 98% Very good

C = 95% Good

D = 92% Satisfactory

E = 90% Below Average

F = 85% Poor

G = 80% Unacceptable



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| NURSERY | 88% |
| RECEPTION | 95% |
| YEAR 1 | 95% |
| YEAR 2 | 97% |
| YEAR 3 | 96% |
| YEAR 4 | 97% |
| YEAR 5 | 96% |
| YEAR 6 | 96% |

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 2

You have achieved 98% attendance this week - this is amazing!! Well done!

Whole School Attendance

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| Since 3 rd September 2019 | Y1-Y6 96% | Nurs 88% | Rec 95% |
| 25/11/19 - 06/12/19 | Y1-Y6 96% | Nurs 80% | Rec 89% |

PUNCTUALITY

| Minutes late per day during the school year | Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year |
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| 5 mins | 3.4 days |
| 10 mins | 6.9 days |
| 15 mins | 10.3 days |
| 20 mins | 13.8 days |
| 30 mins | 20.7 days |

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| NURSERY | 49 |
| RECEPTION | 55 |
| YEAR 1 | 117 |
| YEAR 2 | 23 |
| YEAR 3 | 38 |
| YEAR 4 | 32 |
| YEAR 5 | 58 |
| YEAR 6 | 117 |

Since the start of the year, there have been 511 lates recorded.

Over the last 2 weeks, there have been 165 lates recorded.

DOORS CLOSE AT 8:55AM DON'T BE LATE!

Christmas Boutique

It was wonderful to see so many of you supporting our Christmas Boutique this year. A big thank you to everyone who helped and to those who organised this event, especially the Friends of St Paul's. The children were very excited choosing their gift to buy for a loved one at home. I hope that you will be as excited as they were on Christmas morning when you get to open it.



Christmas Dinner

It's not too late to sign up for your child to have Christmas dinner on 18th December. Please do so via Parent Pay. If you are struggling with any aspect of Parent Pay please come into the school office where Miss Tashman will be more than happy to help you. Please remember that the children can wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas clothes on this day (school trousers or skirt should be worn).



Waseley Hills

Years 5 and 6 have had a lovely time climbing up and down the Waseley hills. We went on a challenging trek, kindly guided by Mr Cadney, through beautiful woods; up and down slippery hills; round ancient ponds; over tricky stiles and through lots and lots of mud!

This trip has helped us to understand contour maps and will help loads with our mountains topic in Geography!

We all had a brilliant day out and really enjoyed our outdoor learning adventure."



Christmas Crackers for non-uniform Day. The school council have received a super suggestion saying that all children should have a Christmas cracker with their Christmas lunch. We have done lots of research to ensure that the crackers we are going to use are eco-friendly and not damaging to our environment. To fund this we are having a non-uniform day on Friday 13th December so the children can wear their own clothes for £1.00.



Computer Safety

West Midlands Police have made us aware of an App called "UNICO LIVE". The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc. It has been brought to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.

This content does not appear to be monitored. We urge you to check your children's electronic devices to ensure that they are not using it.



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Christmas Raffle Tickets

Last week children were sent home with raffle tickets to support St Paul's Catholic Church. There are some great prizes up for draw including £100 cash, a food hamper, an MP3 player as well as a wine hamper. Please send any unsold tickets into school by Monday 9th December. Likewise, if you require any additional tickets please see Mrs Nugent in the school office. The draw itself will take place on Sunday 15th December.

Skipping Competition

On Thursday 28th November, children from Key Stage 1 and 2 were selected to attend a Skipping Competition at The Factory. They had to complete an individual skip and group skip to compete against other schools. They also had a special surprise at the end- a professional skipping display! All children had a great time. A big thank you to Mrs McHugh and Mr Syed for accompanying the children and Francis from Kings Norton Baptist Church for providing transport.



Christmas Activities

A quick reminder of some of the Christmas activities that are going ahead over the next couple of weeks:

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | Extra Information |
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| Monday 9 th | Year 4 Christmas craft afternoons | 1.30 – 3pm | Adult to come along to work with children |
| Tuesday 10 th | EYFS Christmas craft morning | 10.00 – 12.00 | Adult to come along to work with children |
| | KS1 Nativity | 2.00 – 3pm | Parent/families welcome. Friends of St Paul's will be selling refreshments so please bring some change along. |
| Wednesday 11 th | KS1 Nativity | 9.15 – 10.15 | Parent/families welcome. Friends of St Paul's will be selling refreshments so please bring some change along. |
| | Year 3 Christmas craft afternoons | 1.30 – 3pm | Adult to come along to work with children |
| Thursday 12 th | Year 2 Christmas craft afternoons | 1.30 – 3pm | Adult to come along to work with children |
| | Christmas Film Night | 4.30 – 6pm Nursery, Reception, Y1 5.00 – 7pm Year 2 - 6 | Parent's need to drop and collect children. Children can wear pyjamas to this event. Parent's need to drop and collect children. Children can wear pyjamas to this event. |
| Friday 13 th | Year 1 Christmas craft afternoons | 1.30 – 3pm | Adult to come along to work with children |

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| Monday 16 th | EYFS Nativity | 10.45 – 11.15 | Parent/families welcome. Friends of St Paul's will be selling refreshments so please bring some change along. |
| | Year 5 Christmas craft afternoons | 1.30 – 3pm | Adult to come along to work with children |
| Tuesday 17 th | EYFS Nativity | 9.15 – 9.45 | Parent/families welcome. Friends of St Paul's will be selling refreshments so please bring some change along. |
| | Year 6 Christmas craft morning | 1.30 – 3pm | Adult to come along to work with children |
| Wednesday 18 th | Christmas Dinner | Lunchtime | If you want your child to have a Christmas dinner please order via Parent Pay. If you are struggling with this please see the school office. Children can wear a Christmas jumper (school trousers/skirt). If you would like to make a donation we are collecting money for Table House in Birmingham to help buy a bed for a homeless person. Parent/families welcome. Friends of St Paul's will be selling refreshments so please bring some change along. |
| | KS2 Reflection | 4.00 – 4.30pm | |
| Thursday 19 th | Whole school Mass | 9am in Church | Parent/families welcome. Friends of St Paul's will be selling refreshments in the school hall after so please bring some change along. |
| | Class Christmas parties | Throughout the day | Please send your child along with a plate of their own party food. |
| Friday 20 th | Congratulations Assembly | 9.00 – 10.00 | Parent/families welcome. Friends of St Paul's will be selling refreshments in the school hall after so please bring some change along. |
| | School closes for all pupils | 1.30pm | |
| Tuesday 7 th January | School re-opens for all children | 8.45am | |

If you would like to donate some craft items e.g. glitter, coloured card, biscuits to decorate, icing, tissue paper etc. to help run our craft afternoons please drop any items into the school office.

The Friends of St Paul's will be wrapping the presents your children bought at the Christmas Boutique during the film night. Any donations of wrapping paper and sellotape would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them into the school office.

Dates For Your Diary

DECEMBER

- 9th December- Year 4 Christmas craft afternoon- 1.00pm- 3.00pm school hall
- 10th December- EYFS Christmas craft morning- 10.00am- 12.00pm school hall
- 10th December- KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2pm (parents invited)
- 11th December- KS1 Nativity Play 9:15am (parents invited)
- 12th December- Year 2 Christmas craft afternoon- 1.00pm- 3.00pm school hall
- 12th December- EYFS Class Mass
- 12th December- Christmas Film night – EYFS & Y1 4.30pm- 6.00pm school library/ Y2 –Y6 5.00pm-7.00pm school hall (parents drop off and collect)
- 13th December- Y1 Christmas craft afternoon- 1.00pm- 3.00pm school hall
- 16th December- EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10:45am (parents invited)
- 16th December- Y5 Christmas craft afternoon- 1.00pm- 3.00pm school hall
- 17th December EYFS Nativity Play 9:15am (parents invited)
- 17th December- Y6 Christmas craft afternoon- 1.00pm – 3.00pm school hall
- 18th December- Christmas Dinner
- 18th December- KS2 Reflection 4pm (parents invited)
- 19th December- End of term Whole School Mass In Church ALL WELCOME
- 19th Class Christmas Parties and Disco 1.00pm- 3.00pm Classroom and school hall
- 20th December- Congratulations Assembly 9am ALL WELCOME
- 20th December - Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

JANUARY

- 6th January- INSET DAY
- 7th January- School open to pupils at 8.45am
- 23rd January- Year 3, 4 Bench ball tournament The Factory
- 23rd January- 9 aside football vs Abbey school at St Paul's 2pm
- 12th February- Sacramental Preparation meeting Year 3
- 12th February- Whitmoore Lakes
- 17th February- Half Term
- 24th February- Year 5 Swimming for 2 weeks

Thank you for your continued support.
I wish you all a safe and happy weekend.

God bless,

N. Damms

Mrs N Damms

Principal



