



# St. James' Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter (11<sup>th</sup> December 2015)



### Star Pupils Of The Week (week ending 4-12-15)

Rec T- Sienna Shepherd  
 Rec S- Olly Sibbit  
 Year 1R- Sasha Ratcliffe  
 Year 1C- Elsie Clough  
 Year 2E- James Dinsdale  
 Year 2B- Harry Morrison



Year 3H- Archie Clough  
 Year 3N- Charlie Beamish  
 Year 4C- Theo Grady  
 Year 4F- Robbie Woodcock  
 Year 5C- Elliot Quane-Patterson  
 Year 5W- Ruben Ruane  
 Year 6B- Molly O'Grady  
 Year 6M- Erin Ashcroft



### Attendance Update (week ending 4-12-15)

Overall from September 2015	Weekly Attendance
Whole School = 97.85% 	Overall= 97.15% 1 <sup>st</sup> = Y4C (100%) 2 <sup>nd</sup> = Y1R (99.58%) 3 <sup>rd</sup> = Rec S (99.33%) 3 <sup>rd</sup> = Y2B (99.33%) Congratulations also to the following classes for their excellent (98%+) weekly attendance: - Y5C (98.00%) - Y5W (98.57%)

### Christmas Fair- A Thank You

Our Christmas Fair was a huge success. A big thank you to all who supported this event both by attendance on the day as well as the donation of prizes etc. If it is to be a success and run smoothly, an event such as this takes a lot of preparation beforehand and commitment on the day. We are once again humbled by the level of dedication and support shown by all who organised this event as well as those who volunteered on the day- some of whom were here from 8.30am in the morning until 4.30pm in the afternoon. The St. James' community once again showed itself to be something to be proud of and to cherish. Many thanks.



### Nativities

Thank you to all who attended our Reception and Key Stage One Nativities. The support of so many was greatly appreciated by all pupils and staff involved. Both Mrs Taberner and Mrs Roscoe on behalf of their respective departments would like to reiterate their thanks to all parents for their wonderful assistance with costumes and props.

### Jar Competition

There was a magnificent response to the PFSA 'Fill a Jar' request. The calibre of jar sent into school was very high and our judges (Mrs Wilson and Mrs Crusham) had an unenviable task in selecting winners and runners up given the quality of entry. The winner of both Infant and Junior competition received a £15 Smyths Toy Shop Voucher and a large tube of sweets. Runners up each received a sweetie bag. The prize winners were:



Infants	Juniors
Winner- Lewis Plumbley Runners Up- William Delves, Owen Stridgeon, Lily Gregory, Charlie Lowe, Joshua Wilkinson	Winner- Grace Pritchard Runners Up- Niamh Baxendale, Alex Cowley, Harvey Rigby, Lucy Parker, Oliver Woods, Aimee Duggan, Jessica Livesley



### Teddy Sales

The Teddy Sale run from the school office has raised £500 for Wigan and Leigh Hospice. Thank you for your generosity and support for such a worthwhile cause.

### Wear a Christmas Jumper Non Uniform Day- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

We are holding a 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Non-Uniform day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December in order to raise funds for 'Save the Children'. We would like all to attend in a Christmas jumper if possible but if your child does not possess a Christmas jumper, then they are welcome to come in other Christmas related attire. Suggested donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family.



## Save the Children

### Car Parking in front of the Main School Entrance- Breakfast Club

As per the signs, the area in front of the main school entrance is to be used for staff parking only during school hours. Previously, this area was not used at all during the school day but a while ago we designated this area as a staff parking area in order to free up more spaces for parents on the main car park. Recently, there have been instances of parents dropping off children at Breakfast Club using this area. This is preventing staff from parking in this area when they arrive at school and undermines the whole reason for the change that we made a few years ago in parking organisation i.e. to free up more spaces for parents on the main car park. *Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support over such matters.*



### Upcoming Events (correct at the time of publication of this newsletter and may be subject to some alterations)

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Y6B/ Y6M/ Y5C Swimming (am) \*a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child is requested

Reception Christmas Party \*\*pupils in our Reception classes are to come to school in their party clothes on this day\*\*

KS2 Carol Service/Nativity (6pm) \*in church

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Christmas Party \*\*pupils in Years 1&2 are to come to school in their party clothes on this day\*\*

KS2 Christmas Bingo \*3.30-4.45pm

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Infant Dozy Dave Entertainment Show (am)

Upper KS2 (Y5&6) Christmas Party \*\*pupils in Years 5&6 are to come to school in their party clothes on this day\*\*

Y5 Digismart After School Club \*until 5.00pm

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Y5W Swimming (am) \*a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child is requested

Lower KS2 (Y3&4) Christmas Party \*\*pupils in Years 3&4 are to come to school in their party clothes on this day\*\*

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

End of Term Awards Assembly

Save the Children 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Non Uniform Day \*suggested donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family

### Future Dates (subject to change)

18<sup>th</sup> December 2015- Autumn Term Finishes

5<sup>th</sup> January 2016- Spring Term Begins

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016- Y5 Robinwood Residential

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February 2016- Spring Half Term

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## Parish News

### *St. James' Church Family Christmas Party*

Once again, St. James' PFSA have teamed together with our Parish Church to hold the family Christmas party after 11.00 am mass on Sunday 20 December 2015.

**DISCOS4KIDZ** offer a fantastic party with games and competitions also prizes and medals to be won!

**Party tickets are priced at £1 per person.**

**Raffle tickets are priced at £1 each**

**(£5 per book of 5).**

**Tickets available from secretary or Repository**

*Donations of cakes, biscuits, festive treats would be greatly appreciated.*