



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 4th December, 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent and the first in the Church's year. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting—a time to think about, and look forward to, the celebration of Jesus' birth and to his return in the future. The message is very clear— we are to 'stay awake' and to draw closer to God.

Events this week

Monday	Reception class visit to West Yorkshire Playhouse
Tuesday	Reception class Forest School (am) 7pm– Choir singing at Leeds Trinity University
Wednesday	
Thursday	8.15-Credit Union open— this is the last one before Christmas. 6.30pm– Cluster group of schools Advent service at Corpus Christi Catholic Church-all welcome
Friday	9.05 Praise assembly– all welcome 10-11am– Choir singing at Leeds Trinity shopping centre for SVP

Light a Life Service at St. Gemma's Hospice

It was a pleasure (as usual) to sing at St. Gemma's Hospice at the 'Light a life service', remembering our loved, deceased family members.

Thank you very much to the families who were able to join us and for the children who sang on the wards- bringing peace and joy to the patients and their families.

Well done everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS

To our Junior Athletics team who competed in the Athletics Shield Competition against our local Catholic group of schools at Corpus Christi last Tuesday– they were the overall winners!

We are all so proud of you all– well done children.

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	Certificate winners	Attendance
Reception	Pearl-Ava Sanywa and Abigail Lukacz	Best attendance- Year 5 98.6% Well done! 
Year 1	Patrick Majewski and Isla Brady	
Year 2	Jude Hickson, Millie Jones and Theo Wickham	
Year 3	Rosie Barker and Millie Norford	
Year 4	Callum Law and Tara Connor	
Year 5	Jakub Surowiak and Harry Quinn	
Year 6	Milosz Dembowski and Tegan Quinn	

FOOD PARCELS

We would like to make up some Christmas food parcels for some families in school. (Thank you for the items of food donated so far). If you are in a position to donate any items of food at all, please send them to school by Fri 15th Dec so that we can help our families out at Christmas.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Tues 12th Dec– Advent Mass and Confessions
 Wed 13th Dec – Nursery Sing-Song (11.15am)
 Thurs 14th Dec– Year 4 Christingle Service (9.05am) and then Christmas dinner at lunchtime
 Fri 15th Dec– Key Stage 1 Christmas play (9.10am)
 Mon 18th Dec– Santa visit, Christmas jumper day and class parties
 Tues 19th Dec– Junior Carol Service in Church (10am) and then singing at ‘The Little Sisters of the Poor’ (pm)
 Wed 20th Dec– end of term

We will finish at the earlier time of 1.15pm on the last day. Parents can pick children up from their usual classroom doors.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPECIAL SCHOOL GOVERNORS

I would like to thank two of our school Governors– Mr. Kevin Collins and Mrs. Bridget Forbes for their dedicated, faithful service to our school and families during the past ten years and more!

Both have now completed their terms of office and will be greatly missed as very knowledgeable, supportive governors. We wish them blessings for the future.

Please continue to be vigilant and check your children’s use of IT equipment at home– thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely week.

God Bless
 Mrs Flaherty
 Head Teacher