



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 11th December, 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

*Advent is the season of preparation and hope, culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, which brings us the good news that we are loved unconditionally by God. This season of hope is a great opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and positive-knowing that God is with us.*

### Events this week

Monday	Year 5 pizza design and making visit
Tuesday	9.10am-Advent Mass in school—all welcome Confession for Juniors Full Governing body meeting
Wednesday	11.15am– Nursery Christmas sing-song– Parents welcome
Thursday	9.10am -Year 4 Christingle service– all welcome Christmas dinner Storytelling group presentation at 3.10pm– Parents welcome
Friday	9.10am– Infant Christmas play-all welcome (No Praise Assembly—will be Monday instead)

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN CHURCH

Father Mc Gillycuddy and the parishioners would love to see more families at Mass for Christmas, so a special family Mass has been added on Christmas Eve.

Masses are as follows-

Christmas Eve family Mass-4pm St. Nicholas'

Christmas Eve Vigil– 6pm at St. Nicholas'

Christmas Eve carols at Our Lady's at

10.30pm followed by Midnight Mass at 11pm

Christmas morning at 10am-St.Nicholas'

### GOD BLESS MRS MCKENNA

Next week we will be saying 'Good-bye' to Mrs McKenna who has dedicated her life, working for over 30 years at our school!

We will really miss her calm nature and kindness and wish her good health, happiness and God's blessings for a lovely retirement. We thank her for teaching and influencing so many children over the years at our school.

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	<b>Certificate winners</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Reception	<b>Dillon Jones and Orlagh Connor</b>	Best attendance- Year 1 97.3 % Well done! 
Year 1	<b>Rose Griffiths and Charlotte Trolley</b>	
Year 2	<b>Veronica Muszynska and Freddie Harrison</b>	
Year 3	<b>Isabelle Cowling and Maddison-Jae Pullan</b>	
Year 4	<b>Conor Howard and Colin Pawlak</b>	
Year 5	<b>James Buchanan</b>	
Year 6	<b>Ben Onokuah and Alfie Brady</b>	

### **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**

### **PTA FUNDRAISING**

Our PTA will be selling raffle tickets this week for a Christmas raffle, which will be drawn after the Nativity on Friday. They will also be selling sweetie bags next week after school (priced £1.00 each). All money raised will support their fundraising to benefit our children. They have supported the cost of after school dance lessons and football training for children next half-term and we are very grateful for their support.

**Thank you so much for your kind wishes, cards and presents, which are very much appreciated.**

### **DATES FOR DIARIES**

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  
 Early finish at 1.15pm– please pick your children up at their usual doors–  
 Thank you.

### **THANK YOU**

To our staff team, children and governors for their ongoing hard work this term. Also to yourselves, for your support.  
 I hope you all enjoy the festive season with your families and manage to have a rest as well.  
 Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and New year.

I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 8th Jan, 2018!

**God Bless  
 Mrs Flaherty  
 Head Teacher**