



St. James' Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 15th December 2017

Star Pupils Of The Week (week ending 8-12-17)

Rec T- Lotty Houghton		Y3N- Gabriel Bristow
Rec S- Freya Whitfield		Y4W- Bethany Hudson
Y1R- Niamh Entwistle		Y4FH-Ellie Spenceley
Y1C- Emily Dobbs		Y5CO- Ronan Bradbury
Y2H- Harry Rigby		Y5CH- Madison Yates
Y2B- Albert Armstrong		Y6B- Matthew Cooper
Y3T- Ethan Longshaw		Y6M- Oscar Sweeney

Attendance Update (week ending 8-12-17)

Current academic year	Weekly Attendance									
Whole School = 97.31% Comment Even though it has fallen in recent weeks, this is still is an excellent figure. Thank you for your support with our high levels of attendance so far in academic year 2017-18)	Whole School= 96.31% Comment This is the fourth weekly attendance in a row that has been below 97%. Whilst there will be times when it is unavoidable for your child(ren) to be absent, we must all seek to avoid unnecessary absences if we are to maintain our outstanding levels of attendance.									
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Congratulations also to the following class for their excellent (98%+) weekly attendance: Y4W (98.00%)	Y6B (98.1%)									

House Points (week ending 8-12-17)

1 st = St Andrew	
2 nd = St. David	
3 rd = St. George	
4 th = St. Patrick	

Wear a Christmas Jumper Non Uniform Day- Friday 22nd December

We are holding a 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Non-Uniform day on Friday 22nd 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. There is a suggested donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family. We are aware that today (15th December) is the official day for this initiative. However, we had already arranged the afternoon performance of our Junior Carol Service for this date. We trust that all will understand our reasons for deviating from the national date and that we still wish to support the initiative.



Save the Children



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 departments would like to reiterate their thanks to all parents for their wonderful assistance with costumes and props as well as the appreciation shown during and after all performances

Star Jar Competition

There was a magnificent response to the PFSA 'Star Jar' request. The calibre of jars sent into school was very high and our judges 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 £10 Smyths Toy Shop Voucher. The prize winners were:



Infants	Juniors
Winner- Olly Sibbit	Winner- Lilly Cowley

St. Peter's Christmas Tea Party

St. Peter's Catholic High School are holding a Christmas Tea Party on Thursday 21st December from 4-6pm. Father Christmas will be present and there will be a Christmas raffle and a picture bingo. Tickets are **£5 each** or **£17.50 for 4**. Your ticket include cakes and refreshments along with the entertainment. Please contact St. Peter's on 01942 747693 or email maloneyn@saintpetershigh.wigan.sch.uk for more details.

St. James' Church Family Christmas Party- Message from Father Gerry

Unfortunately, due to the lack of interest for the Parish Christmas Party, Fr. Gerry has made the decision that the party is now cancelled for 2017. Anyone who has purchased a ticket may have a full refund.

<i>Diary for School Week Beginning Monday 15th December 2017</i>			
	Before School	Day Time	After School
<i>Monday 18th December</i>		Y3N & Y3T Swimming Sessions (am) Reception Christmas Party **pupils in our Reception classes are to come to school in their party clothes on this day**	KS2 Carol Service (6.30pm)
<i>Tuesday 19th December</i>		Y4 Wider Opportunities Music Presentation to Parents (9.30am) *please see the letter sent home for more details Y6 to St. Peter's for DT sessions (Y6M morning + Y6B afternoon) KS2 Tuck Shop (am) KS2 Choir (lunchtime) Y3-4 Christmas Party **pupils in our Y3 & Y4 classes are to come to school in their party clothes on this day**	KS2 Christmas Bingo *until 4.45pm
<i>Wednesday 20th December</i>		Y1-2 Christmas Party **pupils in our Y1 & Y2 classes are to come to school in their party clothes on this day**	
<i>Thursday 21st December</i>		KS1 Choir (lunchtime) Y5-6 Christmas Party **pupils in our Y5 & Y6 classes are to come to school in their party clothes on this day**	
<i>Friday 22nd December</i>		Save the Children 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Non Uniform Day *suggested donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family End of Term Awards Assemblies School Council Meeting (lunchtime)	School Closes for the Christmas Break (3.30pm)
<i>Dates and times are correct at the time of publication of this newsletter and may be subject to some alterations or additions</i>			

<u>Upcoming Events</u> (correct at the time of publication of this newsletter and some may be subject to alteration)		
22 nd December 2017	Autumn Term Finishes (3.30pm)	
23 rd December 2017- 8 th January 2018	Christmas Break	
9 th January 2018	Spring Term Begins	
15 th January 2018	Closing Date for Applications to Primary School for September 2018	Application packs are available from the school office
31 st January 2018	Starlight Clothing Collection	Please see Mrs Storey for more details
19 th -23 rd February 2018	Spring Half Term Break	
2 nd to 4 th March 2018	Y5 Robinwood Residential	
29 th March 2018	Spring Term Ends (3.30pm)	
30 th March – 16 th April 2018	Easter Break	
17 th April 2018	Summer Term Begins	
May 2018	Y2 SAT Period	
7 th May 2018	Bank Holiday	
10 th to 11 th May 2018	Y4 Coniston Residential	
10 th May 2018	Polling Day	Reception pupils do not attend school on this day
14 th – 17 th May 2018	Y6 SAT Week	
25 th May 2018	School INSET Day	
28 th May-1 st June 2018	Summer Half Term Break	
11 th – 15 th June 2018	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week	
20 th July 2018	Summer Term Ends (3.30pm)	