



Tuesday News Date: Tuesday 11th December 2018

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

Advent is a very busy time of year in school but today we had a reminder about the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Saviour in a wonderful 'It's a Baby' Nativity from our Early Years children. I was amazed by how much they learned and for such young children they were very confident and could be heard saying their lines beautifully. The singing was lovely and the sheer enthusiasm with which they performed was wonderful to see. Thank you to all the EYFS staff who have helped to put this together, you have earned the admiration of all who watched.



God Bless

Mrs Winnery, Mrs Walsh & Mr Copley

Catholic Care Christmas Toy Appeal



We have a fantastic collection of toys in our entrance hall kindly donated for Catholic Care's Christmas Toy Appeal. These toys will be distributed to local families, for whom Christmas is an especially difficult time of the year and your support will help to bring a smile back to their faces. The toys will be collected on Monday 17th December so there is still time to donate.



Sacrament of Confirmation

We are pleased to inform you that a date has been set for Confirmation, for young people in Year 6 and Year 7, with Bishop Marcus at First Martyrs' Church. Confirmation will take place in the evening of **31st January 2019** for 19 young people. A meeting will be held at **6.30pm** on the **17th January** to discuss the event.

Faith In Action



Last week we launched the Faith In Action Award Scheme with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. The Faith In Action Award rewards active service in schools and parishes and encourages young people to shine the light of faith upon their experiences. There are four different levels of award: Pin, Bronze, Silver and Gold. For this reason, it has been described as a 'Catholic Duke of Edinburgh'. This scheme will be open to children of all faiths in Year 5 and Year 6 so please do talk to your child about it. If they would like to take part, please sign and return the slip from the letter that has been given out as soon as possible.

Celebration Worship

Please join us for our Celebration Worship this **Friday** at **9.10am**.

Excellence in all we do. Outstanding every day.



Every week we look to celebrate excellence in all we do. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize!

Celebration Worship Leader Board		
Year Group	Class Explorer Names	Winners
Nursery:	Daring Adventurers	
Reception:	Little Explorers	
Year 1:	Dora's Explorers	
Year 2:	2 Infinity and Beyond	
Year 3:	Greenwell's Globe Trotters	
Year 4:	Nugba's Nomads	
Year 5:	5 Go Adventuring Again	
Year 6:	Raiders of the Gold Coins	

Congratulations to:

Gianna Maria Biju, Sofija Eiva Sokolova, Michalina Adamska, Riley Madhamu, Maheen Imran, Gabriel Donnelly, Anja Todorovich and Abdullah Shah who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for last week.

Attendance

**Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow**

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

**Can you reach our
whole school target of
97%?**

**If we reach 97% our
attendance will be
Outstanding.**

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE TARGET	% LAST WEEK w/b 03/12/2018	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	83.23	93.86
Year 1	97	96.33	97.62
Year 2	97	98	96.09
Year 3	97	95.33	97.07
Year 4	97	97.42	98.54
Year 5	97	98.28	97.36
Year 6	97	98.33	99.03
Whole School	97	95.27	97.08
NEW TARGET	97%	97%	97.%

**Over the last few years we have all worked tirelessly to improve attendance.
Please help us reach our target!**



Class Christmas Parties

The children will be having their Class Christmas Parties on Tuesday 18th December. Please look out for a message from the class teacher with further details.

Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner

This **Friday, 14th December**, we will be enjoying our school Christmas Dinner. Also, children can come to school in non-uniform and wear their Christmas jumper. We are asking for a **£1.00** donation which will be donated to Catholic Care. This will make a real difference in supporting families who are living in poverty by providing food, clothing and other essentials which we sometimes take for granted.



Mini Vinnies – Help the Homeless Appeal



Following on from last year's success we have agreed to provide 'Welcome Packs' for 25 homeless people in our Parish. First Martyrs' Church will serve up a hot meal each night, provide a warm bed and serve breakfast in the morning. We have been asked to make welcome packs of toiletries for each person.

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS.....

If you can help please send in the following, class assigned items as specified:

Nursery	Face Cloth	Year 3	Bar of Soap (not shower gel)
Reception	Toiletry Bag	Year 4	Shaving Cream
Year 1	Tooth Brush	Year 5	Ear Plugs
Year 2	Tooth Paste	Year 6	Combs

We will be collecting these items over the next two weeks and hope to present the welcome packs on the 14th December. The Mini Vinnies will assemble all the donated items and put them in a gift box. They have also written messages of welcome which will be put into the Welcome Packs.

Christmas Secrets Room

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Secrets Room. From the buying, the wrapping to the selling. **Over £300** was raised which will benefit all our children. I have my doubts that all of those tasty treats which were bought will make it under the tree this Christmas!

The National Young Mathematician Awards

Huge congratulations to four members of Year Six, who recently took part in the second round of The National Young Mathematician Awards. After qualifying from the first round Ishaq, Ejo, Annabel and Nella took part in an equally difficult second round. The children had an hour to solve and present the answer to an extremely complicated problem solving task. If successful in the Second Round the children will take part in the national final at Cambridge University.



Payments

Could you please make sure that all dinner monies and Extended School fees are paid up to date before we break up for Christmas.

Year 6 Residential Visit – Total cost £250.00

Can we remind parents that by now, a total of £70 should have been paid towards the cost of the visit - with the balance to be paid in full by the 20th March. It is very important that parents stick to this schedule as school has to forward the payments by the set dates.

Key Dates for 2018

Thursday 13th December	2.00pm. Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity.
Monday 17th December	6pm in St Cuthbert's Church Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Everyone invited.
Wednesday 19th December	2pm. Carols by the Crib. Everyone invited.

**School closes at 3.30pm on Wednesday 19th December 2018.
There will be NO Afterschool Club on this day.**

School reopens on Thursday 3rd January 2019

Safeguarding our Children

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Winnery, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Walsh or Mr Copley.