



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School
A Catholic Voluntary Academy
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Spiritual Reflection

In the gospel this weekend we hear the crowds asking John the Baptist "What must we do?" In his answers to the people John the Baptist encourages them to grow the virtue of mercy so that we are open to receiving Mercy and of showing mercy to others.

When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Advent we experience God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Next week is our final week in school before we break up for Christmas. We will be having a school Mass and in KS2 we will be holding our Christingle service.

Mr Molyneux

Some of you may be aware from your children that Mr Molyneux is not currently in school. Sadly, his father is very unwell at this time and Mr Molyneux is spending some time with him.

I am sure you will keep him and his family in your prayers over the coming days.

We, in school will continue to remember him in our prayers.

We also rely very heavily on Mr Molyneux's musical skills and will endeavour in his absence to do the best that we can to ensure the scheduled events still occur as planned.

FOSAS News

School Film Night

Today, Friday 14th December, from 3.30 pm FOSAS are hosting a Christmas movie event in school.

Christmas Bingo

FOSAS will be serving seasonal refreshments at the two Christmas Bingo evenings (Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December). If you can help either with the serving of refreshments on one of the afternoons or by kindly donating selection boxes or mince pies your help will be much appreciated.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th January at 2.30pm

Advent Craft Workshops

These have been tremendously popular and we have had some lovely feedback. Today the Advent Craft Workshop took place for children in Years 5 and 6.

Bikes in school

We still have a couple of bikes in school from Bikeability. Please can these be collected early next week at the latest.

Other notices:

There will be no further clubs in school until after the Christmas holidays.

Milk for the next half term will be £6.30 per pupil.

There will be no music lessons next week in school as the peripatetic music service are performing Christmas concerts.

A Huge Thank you.....

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that managed to attend our Christmas performances for UFS and KS1. It is always wonderful to have the opportunity to invite our families into school to share together these lovely events. Thankyou also for your continued support with our recent fundraising initiatives that enable us to provide exciting opportunities for the children to participate in.

Thank you all!



Christmas Events 2018

The week ahead:



Monday 17th December at 10am, "The Great Light" for Grandparents or parishioners only and will be held in the KS2 hall.

Tuesday 18th December at 3.45pm Selection box bingo for UFS and KS1 children. Parents MUST attend and collect children at 3.25pm as usual. This will take place in the hall in KS2. The choir will be singing for us at this event.

Wednesday 19th December at 3.45pm Selection box bingo for KS2 children. Parents MUST attend and collect children at 3.30pm as usual. This will take place in the hall in KS2. The choir will be singing for us at this event.

Thursday 20th December at 2pm KS2 'Christingle and Carols'. This is a ticket only event and is now full. Thank you. Tickets were sent home yesterday.

Friday 21st December school closes for Christmas at **1.30pm** when pupils can be collected.

Monday 7th January 2019 school opens to pupils

Smiley Sun Charity Bags

Thank you very much for the bags that were brought into school this morning—another impressive number of bags full of items no longer needed or used but can be put to good use by others.

Family Event for Christmas—Bingo afternoon with seasonal prizes, mince pies and Christmas Songs

As we are not having a Christmas Fair this year, we wanted to hold an event that brings our families together. We are holding two Bingo afternoons (see above for dates). We would really appreciate any donations of selection boxes (or chocolates/biscuits) from families that can be used for prizes.

We are hoping that this will be a relaxed and fun event with: games of bingo, a chance for parents and families to socialise and get to know one another, seasonal refreshments and carol singing from our own school choir. If you have children in both key stages please feel free to attend either event.

Hot Chocolate Friday

The following children were rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' for their super behaviour and excellent attitude towards an aspect of school life.

Class RK – Sandra Madej
Class RG— Anita Tomaszewski
Class 1T— Anton Bomango Lokenyo
Class 1/2C— Sumaiya Akbar
Class 2V - Zane Casserley Furey
Class 3W— Kenzie Brear
Class 3/4AT— Humeira Hassan
Class 4M— Joseph Kuttikatt
Class 5B - Iqra Imran
Class 5/6C - Justas Boguckas
Class 6CD - Julia Snochowska



Safety



The narrow roads near our school are heavily congested at drop off and pick up time. For those parents who stop briefly at the school gate to let their children out of the car, please remind them to be very careful when leaving your vehicle and walking the short distance to the school gates. This might be a good time to remind them of basic road safety. Just this week we have witnessed a few 'near misses' where children have walked in front of moving vehicles. Ideally please walk younger children (UFS and KS1 especially) to their playground. We appreciate how busy it is but we just want pupils and their families to be safe. Thank you.

Attendance

Congratulations to 2V who are this week's KS1 attendance winners with 97% and also to 4M in KS2 with an attendance of 98%.

Just a reminder that the school doors open at 08:50 and the day begins at 08:55. If you can ensure your child arrives on time. Thank you.



Why not be tempted to a hot meal on the cold days of the winter

The cost of a school dinner is £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week for children in KS1 and free for children in UFS and KS1.

Milk

If you wish your child to have milk each day at school the cost of this is £6.30 for next half-term.

Parish Mass times this weekend are:

St Austin's: Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday at 8.15am, 11am and 6pm

Peter & Paul's Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

For further information please see the newsletters on the parish websites: www.peterpaul.org.uk and www.catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk

