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"I have loved you with an everlasting love"
Jeremiah 31:5

Monday 17th December 2018

Diary Dates	
Mon. 17 th Dec.	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Tues. 18 th Dec.	10am – Whole School Christmas Mass
	pm – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
	6pm – Parishioners' Christmas Dinner in school – Year 6 & choir
Wed. 19 th Dec.	2pm – Key Stage 2 Dress rehearsal for Carol Service
	6pm – Key Stage 2 Carol Service in church
Thurs. 20 th Dec.	pm – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Fri. 21 st Dec.	1.30pm – Break up for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 8th January	School reopens (Please note school is not open on Monday 7th January as we have a staff Inset day.)

ATTENDANCE	
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	97.9%

Last week's VIPs	
Reception	Harry Thompson
Year 1	Isabel Shovelton Seb Dawson
Year 2	Bella Dixon Jensen Gardner
Year 3	Lacey Benson
Year 4	Jack Patton
Year 5	Jack Nuttall
Year 6	Olivia Robinson Libby Evans

Certificates:
Oliver Thompson
Naya Goodwin
George Rocca
Roisin Ruddy



Please remember in your prayers:

Please remember especially Fr Bob whose mum has died recently.

We also keep in our prayers this week those who are lonely and have no family around them at Christmas. We think especially of those for whom Christmas will be a difficult time this year. May they know your love and comfort and find some peace.

Last week in school:

Last week was full of Christmas fun and I think it's safe to say school now feels very Christmassy!

Infant Christmas Play: Our Infant department had their Christmas play, The Inn-spectors! I would like to say a big well done to all the children, especially our Year 2 children who sang solos or had lines to remember. They all did a wonderful job and made us very proud! Thank you to all the infant staff who worked so hard to put the play together. It was greatly appreciated and I'm sure that all the family members who came along to watch would agree, it was a huge success.

School Christmas Dinner: On Thursday, we had our Christmas dinner day in school and it was lovely to see all the staff and children in their Christmas jumpers! I would like to say a huge thank you to Karen and the ladies in the kitchen who did a really wonderful job. I'm sure anyone who has ever had to make a Christmas dinner would agree that how you manage to prepare such a beautiful dinner for nearly 200 children and more than 30 staff is incredible! Thank you!

This week in school:

This week is going to be a very busy one as we move towards the end of term with lots of exciting events!

Christmas Party week: This week we are all looking forward to our Christmas parties! The infant party is on Monday afternoon, Year 3 and 4 on Tuesday afternoon and Year 5 and 6 on Thursday afternoon. The children will all have brought home a letter asking them to bring a specific item of food for their party – if you haven't had your letter, please give the school office a ring.

School Christmas Mass: On Tuesday at 10am, we will be holding our end of term Christmas mass in church. Family members are as always welcome to join us.

Pensioners' Christmas Dinner: On Tuesday evening at 6pm, our Year 6 children will be hosting our annual Christmas dinner for the elderly parishioners here in school. The school choir are singing at 6pm so will need to arrive in school at 5.45pm – choir children who are not in Year 6 can be collected from the main entrance at 6.30pm. They will need to wear school trousers/skirt with a Christmas jumper for this.

School and Parish Carol Service: On Wednesday at 6pm, we will be holding our Christmas Carol service which is being led by Key Stage 2. Year 6 children will need to meet in school at 5.30pm. Choir children need to wear full choir uniform and should meet me in church no later than 5.45pm along with children from Year 3 to 5. Family members and parishioners are very welcome to come along and join in this special celebration. The children and staff have been working hard in preparation for this service and I am sure it will be a lovely evening.

Town Christmas tree Festival: The town Christmas Tree festival is now open at St George's Church. Our children have decorated a tree and it looks absolutely beautiful. The church is open daily from 1pm to 4pm so please pop in and have a look! We are hoping to take the children up to see the trees over the next couple of days.

End of Term: Please note, school finishes for the Christmas holiday on

Friday 21st December at 1.30pm.

We return to school on Tuesday 8th January. Staff have a training day with the Catholic cluster of schools on Monday 7th January.

The staff and Governors of St James' Catholic Primary School would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past 12 months.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and pray that 2019 will bring you all much happiness, good health and success in all you undertake.

Have a lovely Christmas everyone!