



Tuesday News Date: Tuesday 18th December 2018

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

This final week has brought us that much closer to the blessed and rejoiced event of Christmas. Though the children have continued learning and working hard, these few days have been somewhat more hectic but definitely more exciting, with the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Christmas Carol Service. The children performed their varied roles very well, with such joy and exuberance. Congratulations children, you were wonderful! Today, the Year 6 children, made the residents of Well Springs Nursing Home very happy by singing carols. The feedback was lovely and they should be very proud that they have made a difference to others this Christmas. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work throughout the term and especially for their efforts to make this Christmas season a prayerful and joyful time for the children. Thanks also must go to our wonderful children and to you, their families, for responding so generously with our Advent Appeals.



As we continue through this yuletide season and with one day of school left, may we ponder over the following words which are so meaningful and evocative in their beautiful simplicity: -

This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ. – Frank McKibben

We wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

**God Bless
Mrs Winnery, Mrs Walsh & Mr Copley**

Catholic Care Toy Appeal

Today Catholic Care came into school to collect the toys and a cheque for their Christmas Appeal. We were overwhelmed with your response and would like to thank you for the care and concern you have shown to others.





On Friday we presented Mr Somerville with 25 winter care packs for the homeless who are spending a week in our parish over Christmas. Thank you to Mrs Olby and the Mini Vinnies for organising the collection and for writing words of welcome to go with the packs.

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:

Falaq Wasim, Harlan Buncad, Eiliyah Hussain, Zane Benitez, Jared Oliveros, Natan Kapsiak, Leo Kelby and Emmanuel Akoli 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 10/12/2018	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	87.10	93.35
Year 1	97	98.67	97.70
Year 2	97	96	96.08
Year 3	97	97.33	97.09
Year 4	97	96.77	98.41
Year 5	97	97.93	97.40
Year 6	97	99.67	99.08
Whole School	97	96.21	97.02
NEW TARGET	97%	97%	97%

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

Important Information regarding school meals

From the **1st September 2019** the cost of a two course school lunch will be **£1.80** for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still free of charge.

Inclement Weather Procedure

- St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School will always endeavour to remain open to educate the children in our care.
 - However, because of very nature of the school site and the surrounding roads, snow and ice are a particular issue and there may be rare occasions when inclement weather may force us to close the school. This is due to health and safety considerations for both the staff and pupils.
 - If the school is closed before the start of the school day, parents will be contacted via text message as soon as possible. Local radio stations (the 'Pulse', Radio Leeds), the Telegraph and Argus and Bradford schools online will also have a list of closed schools.
 - Further guidance is available on their page:
<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home.aspx#schoolclosures>
 - If the school needs to be closed during the day, parents will be contacted to request that they pick up their children as soon as possible.
 - It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that they or another carer can get to school to pick up.
 - Parents should inform the office of the person(s) named to collect their child in the event that they cannot get back to school in time.
 - If you have work commitments please arrange for emergency day care **before** the winter sets in.
 - **Be prepared** should the school have to close at short notice.
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**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.