



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 13: Friday 8th December 2023

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Thank you in abundance to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre last Friday, whether it be through your generous donations or attending the event or both. It was a sensational evening, providing the children and our families with some fabulous festive fun, games, prizes and visits to Santa. These events are entirely reliant on your generous donations and willingness to help and we are absolutely overwhelmed with the amount of donations received in the run up to the fayre - thank you. A huge thank you as well to all of the PTA who have worked so hard to plan, decorate and prepare for the event, as well as all of the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to support on the day! We had a beautiful, festive atmosphere around school. We look forward to letting you know how much was raised and all about the plans for the improvements we would like to make with some of the funding. Thank you to the Guest family for donating our beautiful Christmas tree as well.

Our Advent preparations have continued this week. We are supporting the Thomas Project this Christmas. They are giving Christmas gifts to children and families who do not have much at Christmas. If you would like to donate a gift, please could you send it in to school, (labelled with age and gender) by Wednesday 13th December. Thank you for your support with this worthwhile initiative from our Mini Vinnies.

Well done, also, to Y4 and Y5 who have been involved in Confessions this week. They were very reverent, embracing the peace of mind and soul afterwards. Thank you to Fr. Craig who is so supportive and encouraging of our children, guiding them in faith.

In other news, EYFS enjoyed a fun packed Disney party day today. It was wonderful to see the children excited and engaged in all of the creative activities.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been showing kindness, solidarity and patience to others, super phonics and multiplication work and sharing fantastic knowledge through R.E. and Wider Learning Projects.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y1 and Y5 for trying their hardest and taking pride in their work.

Our lunchtime award went to Y3 for beautiful manners and excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y1 with 98%.

Live Simply

We are so pleased and proud to announce that we have achieved the CAFOD Live Simply award!

Pope Francis asked: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"

We have been inspired by Pope Francis' message and embraced the opportunity, as whole school, to answer the call to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our local and global family.

We will share a flavour of our accomplishments towards this award in the coming weeks. Thank you to Mrs Hayes for coordinating this and to all of our staff, children and families for working hard for change.





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Notices

- As we enter the season of Advent, we ask that you read the letter sent from the Mini Vinnies last week. Instead of sending Christmas cards to all, each child will receive a card on behalf of their class. We are asking if you could make a small donation, via the gateway, to reflect the money that would have been spent on cards. This will be used to buy small world gifts for children who live overseas. Please also take the time to send Christmas wishes via our Padlet - follow this link. <https://padlet.com/ehayes67/christmas-wishes-ottsmpec913qicj5>
- We also have a travelling crib which will be circulating around each class. Please could you add comments and pictures to the following Padlet once your child and family has had a chance to engage with it. Thank you for all of your support with this, in embracing the meaning of Advent.
- <https://padlet.com/ehayes67/christmas-hopes-and-prayers-around-the-crib-vxq9czi96i2q4656>
- Thank you to our PTA for providing a lovely suggestion box for our front entrance - if you have any suggestions or ideas, please drop in a note.
- We are pleased to note that the PTA children's discos raised £439 - this is wonderful, thank you, the children had a fabulous time.
- This month's PTA 50/50 winner is Mr and Mrs Sanders. Well done.

Events

Monday 11th December and Tuesday 19th December - choir events (please see separate letters)

Thursday 14th December 2pm - our musicians will put on a concert for us to enjoy. They have been working incredibly hard during their peripatetic music lessons. Parents are welcome.

Tuesday 19th December 9:30am and 2:15pm Y2 and Y1 Nativity. Tickets to follow.

Wednesday 20th December - School uniform with a Christmas top or jumper is optional / Christmas lunch day

Thursday 21st December 2pm KS2 Carol Concert in Church - please see separate letter

Friday 22nd December - 9:00am Mass in school - all welcome. 1.30pm finish.

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent.

Mark Chapter 1: 1-8 In the course of his preaching, John the Baptist said:

Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

