



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 12: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

Thank you in abundance to everyone who has supported our Christmas Fayre that took place yesterday. It was a sensational event, 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 with the playground and playground equipment!

Our Advent preparations have continued this week. Please could we ask you to make an Advent donation on the school gateway. This money will be sent to St Joseph's School, Nechells, who will use it for Christmas gifts for their children. We will let you know how much we raise. Our children will have the opportunity to place a decoration on the tree, representing our kindness and compassion for others.

An enormous congratulations goes to our Choir who raised the roof at the Forest Art Show on Wednesday evening. Our children's gifts and talents were clear for all to see and they were a credit to our school. Thank you also to all of the staff and parent helpers who helped prepare the children and enabled this wonderful event to go ahead.

Kindest regards, Mrs Hill



**Award Winners**

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been contributing eloquently and knowledgeably to class discussions and for always having a positive attitude to school life. 😊

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y1. They have been working so hard on their phonics and their writing. I've thoroughly enjoyed reading their dinosaur stories!

Our attendance winners this week are Y5 with 97.7% - well done!

Our Saints Stars winners this week are St Cecilia with 477 points.

**Personal Development**

We have been recapping on all of the exciting activities and events that we have been taking part in this term in order to support the children's personal development. We have been teaching children how to stay safe and both mentally and physically healthy - our pupil voice this half term has focussed on this and feedback is being analysed and acted upon. We have taught the children about the British values and how to be responsible, respectful, active citizens who celebrate diversity and differences. We have enjoyed our work around our Catholic virtues, the life of Queen Elizabeth II, Remembrance, anti-bullying and of course working towards the Live Simply Award.



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## Notices

- Well done Y4 who were reverent and sensible whilst asking for God's forgiveness through Confessions this afternoon with Fr Craig,
- With encouraging reading fluency high on our agenda, we are always looking at extra opportunities to listen to the children read. If you are interested in coming into school to listen to some readers, please drop an email to postbox with your contact details and availability. Thank you.
- Just a reminder that the EYFS staff will open the doors at 8:40am to allow you a buffer time to drop your child to the door. This alleviates congestion on the Nursery footpath.
- Permission slips regarding Mass and local walks must be returned next week please. These have been re-issued where we have not received a response. Please remember to include your child's name on the permission slip.
- Everyone has the right to make a safe and healthy journey to school. We are disappointed with the inconsiderate parking of a small number of our families. We are continuing to receive complaints from parents and neighbours about inconsiderate and dangerous parking, including parking in the road to drop off and collect children. It is imperative that we put the safety of our children first. Please make every effort to park in the Church car park and walk the short distance.
- A reminder that term will end at 1:30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the new term will start for children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is an inset day - school closed to pupils.

## Events

We are pleased to share our Christmas Production dates with you. They Y1 and Y2 Nativity will take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - at 9:30am and 2:15pm**. We will send each child home with two tickets to each showing nearer the time. Please do not feel you have to use all of the tickets. The KS2 Carol Concert will take place in Church on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 6:30pm. There is a letter attached.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** will be the children's Christmas party lunch day. During the afternoon, they will take part in a Christmas craft afternoon in class - we look forward to seeing all of their creative efforts! On this day, the children can come to school in school uniform, but they can wear one festive item, whether it be a Christmas top, hair clip or pair of socks.

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 2:30pm, some of 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.

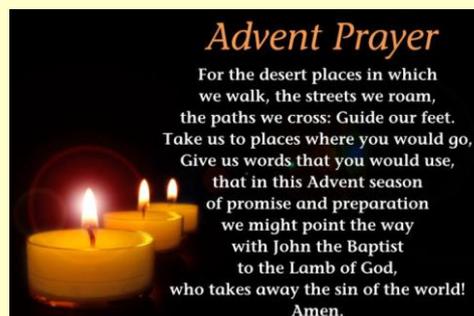
Our end of term Mass will take place at 9:15am on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Reflection and Prayer

*This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent.*

*In Matthew Chapter 3, John the Baptist says, the one who follows me will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

*"I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out."*



Yours sincerely,  
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