



Newsletter No 15

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 22 December 2017



We have finally come to the end of a very busy term. On Saturday, we entertained the Christmas shoppers in House of Fraser and on Tuesday and Thursday we sang for the senior citizens of our parish and for the residents of The Oaks. This week, KS2 performed their beautiful Advent Service, the children enjoyed a visit to the Empire Cinema to watch Paddington 2 and of course we all tucked into a delicious traditional Christmas lunch. All these events really help us to prepare for Christmas. Today, we celebrated the end of term by enjoying Christmas parties and a whole school sing-a-long in the hall!

On behalf of the staff team, I thank you for all the cards and gifts received and for your support during the term. The partnership between home, parish and school is such an important one in the life of our school.

And finally....On a personal note, I would like to thank all the hardworking staff from all areas of the school for their dedication this term. They all go that extra mile to ensure the children's needs are met in every way and within a safe, happy and exciting learning community; we are so lucky to have such a fantastic team. May they all enjoy a very well deserved break.



Mass: There will be no Mass on *Thursday 11 January*.



Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

On **Tuesday 9 January**, Year 6 is going on a trip to St Chad's Cathedral. A letter has been emailed to parents; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



Recycle Used Christmas Trees

We are asking parents to donate their real Christmas trees to the school as a Forest School resource.

The Christmas trees would be great resources as the branches are great for den building and once dried they are a great fire lighting resource. The main trunk can then be used for den building and smaller activities requiring wood. Within our forest setting there is a limited availability of materials for the children to work with and this would be a simple activity recycling old Christmas trees and doesn't cost the school a penny. Please bring your Christmas trees to school on **Friday 12 January** and leave them on the grass next to the ramp to the school office. Thank you.



Swimming

Year 3 will resume their swimming sessions on **Thursday 18 January 2018**. Thank you.



Dinner Money

A reminder for parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, that the deadline for the payment of **£64.50 is Friday 19 January 2018**; please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £64.50 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



Music Lessons

Music lessons commence on Friday 19 January 2018. Thank you.

THREE FAITHS FORUM



Year 4 Trip to West Bromwich Football Ground

On **Monday 15 January 2018** with Year 4 is going on a trip to West Bromwich Football Ground.



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurse will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.

This week the Attendance Award was won by: Year 5 with 99.26% Well done!

Please see below whole school attendance for Autumn term 2017-2018.

EYFS 98.28%

Year 1 97.21%

Year 2 97.62%

Year 3 96.34%

Year 4 98.16%

Year 5 98.06%

Year 6 96.79%

Overall School Total 97.49%

The Punctuality Award for the week: We had no late mark this week!



Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Whole class Year 1: Whole class Year 2: Whole class Year 3: Whole class Year 4: Whole class Year 5: Whole class Year 6 Whole class.



Class of the Week: Year 5.

Lunchtime Award: Ethan L (Y5).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Learned and Wise**'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Miss Stewart:** Ruby H **Miss Stevens:** Ollie L **Mr Hunt:** Ellie M-B

Mr Mayor: School choir, thank you for all your hard work and beautiful singing at our Christmas events:

Logan, Lola, Lucy, Phoebe, Joseph M, Joseph K, Aaron, Daniel, Tyrese, Harry, Megan, Jack, Keela (Y3), Emma Mc, Mollie-Mae, Darren A, Francesca, Dylan, Erin P (Y4) Erin P, Ava, Thomas, James, Alex, Orlaith, Charlotte, Erin L-F, Imogen, Isabel, Cassie, Maria, Elyssa, Daisy, Samuel, Harrison, (Y5) Eva P, Lillie-Mae, Regine, Rosena, Madeline (Y6). **Miss Lovelock/Mrs Howes:** Olivia W **Mr Rowlands:** Alex H **Miss Cross:** Stephene A.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the holiday:

Ben M, Zachary L, Cian P, Ethan P, Madison M, Jessica S (EYFS), Jay M (Y1), Alice F (Y2), Megan P, Tyrese L (Y3), Eliza S (Y4), Anna J (Y5), Uday P (Y6).

Dates for Diary - January 2018		
Monday 8 January		School reopens
Tuesday 9 January	All day	Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral
Monday 15 January	All day	Year 4 Trip to West Bromwich Football Ground
Thursday 18 January	1.30pm	Year 3 commence swimming lessons
Friday 19 January	All day	Music lessons start

**Other dates available on website*



End of Term Prayer

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents

And a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.



The staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors wishes you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

Enjoy the festive season and see you all in 2018!

Yours sincerely

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