



## St Charles' RC Primary School

16 December 2016

*Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning*

Dear Families,

This is the last newsletter of the year and may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. A special thank you to all of the children and Governors who have worked extremely hard this term - you have been a delight to work with. On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a very happy and holy Christmas. We hope you all have a lovely break and are ready for more exciting learning and opportunity in 2017!

### **School Progress**

You can compare school progress measures from the Department for Education on the website below. We are delighted that our school was in the top 10% nationally for progress in reading and maths last year at the end of Key Stage 2. We monitor all of the children's progress regularly and you will receive a short summary report (Wednesday 21 December 2016) showing you the end of year attainment your child is predicted to achieve at the end of this academic year, if they continue to make the same rate of progress. If you have any concerns at any time regarding your child, please contact the class teacher who will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/>

### **School Choir**

The school choir sang carols for the Daft as a Brush Christmas dinner last week. They were absolutely brilliant and have already been invited back to sing again next year. Have a look at the lovely letter from Brian Burnie on the Head Teacher blog. Thank you to Mrs Brady for all of her work with the school choir, who have also been singing carols for Carillion staff during December.

### **Music Concert**

Thank you to Mrs Broughton and all of the musicians who performed brilliantly in their Christmas concert yesterday. It was very festive and everyone enjoyed seeing the children perform. Well done.

### **Year 3 Multi-skills**

Year 3 attended a multi-skills event at the Walker Activity Dome yesterday. They all had a brilliant time and we were very proud of their enthusiasm and effort.

### **Eco News**

Eco club have won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in an Eco Christmas tree competition. Well done to everyone involved and Mrs Hill, Mrs Walsham and Miss Darwin for working with the children.



### **Mini Vinnies**

The Mini Vinnies will be hosting a coffee morning between 10.15 – 11.15am on Wednesday 21 December for all our Grandparents and pensioners of the parish. We look forward to seeing you for coffee and carols!

### **Starlight**

Key Stage 1 children were entertained today by story-teller Chris Bostock, who told the tale of a little possum, who has a great adventure, learning about friendship and family whilst discovering lots of things about science and nature. The children really enjoyed the theatrical tale.



### **Party Day**

All children need to bring a paper plate of party snacks to eat at their party next Thursday 22 December. The children will have school lunch so will not require a lot of food – just a small treat to eat in the afternoon. Drinks will be provided by school.

### **Nativities**

Please see the school website for all of the dates and times for nativity performances next week.

## **Last day of Term**

School will close at 2.15pm on Friday 23rd December 2016. Please see St Charles' Church website for mass times over the holiday period. I am sure Fr O'Connor would enjoy seeing the children during the festive period.

I hope Santa visits all of you!

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