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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Miss Soliman

Today is Miss Soliman's last day in school in order that she can relax and prepare for the arrival of her new baby. We all thank her for her hard work and send her our best wishes. I will give parents an update in due course.

Assembly Friday 8th December

Next Friday we will be having our usual celebration assembly where, in addition to certificates and stickers being given out, children will be showcasing their drumming skills. Those children who have been learning Bollywood dance at their afterschool club will also be performing for us. Parents are very welcome to attend this assembly which starts at 9.10am.

Sacramental Programme (Year 3)

Please note that the next parents' and children's meeting is this Sunday 3rd December at 9am in St Joseph's Church followed by Mass at 10am.

Christmas Fair – Tuesday 5th December

The Home School Association are working very hard to provide a spectacular fair this year. The fair will begin at 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Stalls will include the usual chocolate and bottle tombola together with cakes, face painting, glitter tattoos and (of course) Santa's Grotto. In addition we will have a handmade jewellery stall where pieces start from £3.50, a handmade Christmas card stall, personalised frames and Butterflies florist will also have a stall. All these people are kindly making a donation to our school funds in payment for their stalls. ***Please note that children must be supervised by an adult if they are attending the fair.***

School Choir

Our school choir will be performing at the Parish Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 6th December at 1.30pm. They will also be performing at the beginning of our Christmas Fair on Tuesday 5th December.

Parents' Phonic Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the phonics workshops led by Miss Woolstencroft. The feedback we have had suggests that you have found them very useful in understanding reading and phonics.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are supporting Key 103's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th December. In return for wearing a festive jumper we are asking for a donation of £1 to support their appeal. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper then a good alternative is to decorate one they already have with tinsel etc. Our previous charity fundraiser was for Children in Need and we raised an amazing £ 150.00 for this, well done and thank you to everyone in supporting these worthwhile causes.

Top Trumps cards request

Mrs Henshaw would like to request that if anybody has any spare top trumps cards could they please bring them into the school office and we can then give them to the children to play with during wet play.

Nursery 30 Hour Funding

If your child is currently taking up the 30 hours funding within our Nursery setting could parent please now apply for the eligibility code for the next term. Once you have your code please advise the school office accordingly. We would request that you have done all of this ideally by the end of November in order that the relevant school paperwork can be sent to you for completion. The link to apply is www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility. If you are experiencing any problems or require further assistance then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hirst.

Reception 2018

Just a reminder that the Tameside online application process for Reception 2018 is now open. Please ensure that you have submitted your application by the closing date of Monday 15th January and that you have received a confirmation email from Tameside to say that they have received your application.

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 5 th December	School Christmas Fair - 3.30pm until 5.30pm
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Key 103
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Carol Service in Church 6.30pm
Friday 15 th December	EYFS (AM) and KS1 (AM) Nativity Play for Parents
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Festive Lunch (open to all children)
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Parties (am) and Whole School Visit to Aladdin Pantomime, George Lawton Hall (pm)
Tuesday 19 th December	Mass in Church at 10am
Wednesday 20 th December	School Closes at 2pm

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Irene Williams
Head Teacher