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NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st December 2017

Mass in Church followed by Confession – Autumn Term 2017

Class	Date
Year 4	Monday 4 th December
Year 5	Monday 11 th December
Year 6	Wednesday 13 th December

Advent Events in School

Event	Leading Class	Date
Blessing the Advent Wreath	Year 6 Supported by Reception	Monday 4 th December at 2.30 p.m.
Advent Assembly 2	Year 4 Supported by Year 1	Monday 11 th December at 2.45 p.m.
Advent Assembly 3 and 4	Year 5 Supported by Year 2 and 3	Tuesday 19 th December at 9.00 a.m.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR END OF TERM

Christmas Shop – 4th and 5th December

Aladdin Pantomime – 6th December

Christmas Jumper Day/ Own Clothes – 8th December

Christmas Painting Competition Deadline – 8th December

Reception Christmas Production to Parents – 13th December at 9.15 a.m.

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production to Parents – 13th December at 2.00 p.m.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service in Church – 18th December at 6.00 p.m.

PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAMME

Please find attached with this week's newsletter, an Advent Prayer Calendar as part of our Prayer Partner Programme. For each day in Advent, there is a prayer suggestion from children, staff and parishioners from different schools and Parishes taking part in this programme.

BOOK FAIR – LAST DAY

The last day of the Scholastic Book Fair will be on Monday 4th December and will be open for purchases 8.30 a.m. – 8.50 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Payment can be made by cash or cheque.

ADVENT – THE TRAVELLING CRIB

Your child will, over the coming weeks, bring home a 'new' travelling crib. We ask that you spend some time together as a family following the suggestions on the card enclosed with your crib. Please take good care of our new cribs and report any issues to your child's class teacher on the day you return the crib. Cribs are ideally used at home on the evening your child brings it home, and returned to school the following day - this is to ensure all families in school have the opportunity to pray with the travelling crib.

ADVENT FUNDRAISING BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council are working hard to ensure we have the opportunity to raise money during Advent. The children enjoyed an assembly by a CAFOD representative who spoke about the 'World Gifts Project' which we are supporting in school. Hopefully, all the money we raise will go to help those who are less fortunate than us around the world. Throughout Advent, the Mini-Vinnies will be selling baubles, which the children can decorate themselves in order to brighten up our Christmas tree in the hall. The baubles will be on sale each playtime in the hall at a cost of 50p per bauble. The idea of the

bauble is children make them instead of sending cards to their whole class and thus cut down on writing Christmas cards.

In addition, we are going to hold a Beetle Drive in school to raise money for CAFOD during Advent. This will happen on Friday 15th December during the school day for all the children. It will cost £2 to take part and prizes will be available for the winners. We would also like to invite all our parents/carers to play at 2:30 p.m. in the school hall on the same day. Please look out for more information coming soon -*from the School Council.*

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Our first edition of the School Newspaper for this academic year will go on sale on Monday at a price of £1 per copy. This edition of the newspaper is literally bursting with news and information so we encourage every family to look out for our School Council who will be selling the Newspaper at the beginning and end of each day! Happy Reading!

HOMEWORK CLUB

Unfortunately, due to a low uptake of places this term, the Tuesday morning homework club will not continue after the Christmas holidays. There will be no homework club on Tuesday 19th December. We do hope to offer more sporting clubs first thing in the morning so do keep reading the newsletter.

KEY STAGE 1 (YEARS 1 AND 2) CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Due to this year's production being slightly longer, we will be starting the performance to parents a little earlier than previously advertised. The Key Stage 1 production will now start at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 13th December. Reception will still perform their production at 9.00 a.m. on the same day.

RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS DVDS

The Christmas productions for Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be filmed on 12th December (the day before the performance for parents). So far, we only have orders for 20 DVDs, if you would like to purchase DVDs please make your payment on Parent Pay by **7th December** so that we can finalise numbers and have the DVDs ready for collection before school closes for Christmas. Each DVD costs £10 and they would make excellent Christmas presents.

PANTOMIME

We have booked a pantomime performance of Aladdin for the whole school, which will take place in school on **Wednesday 6th December**. We have managed to book this at a reduced rate (**£270**) and ask that parents contribute towards the cost of the performance on ParentPay. We ask that parents pay **£2 per child**, for every £2 received £1 will go towards the cost of the pantomime and the other £1 will be donated to **CAFOD for the Advent Appeal**. Thank you to all those who have contributed so far.

SPORT SURVEY

Earlier this week a survey for school sporting activities was sent home. We would appreciate feedback from parents/ carers so that we can take into account your views when planning for the future. Please return completed surveys by **Monday 4th December**. Thank you to all those who have already completed and returned the survey.

YEAR 2 HOMEWORK

Please could all children learn their lines off by heart for their homework this week. Could all costumes be in school by Monday 4th December in a labelled bag. Thank you for your cooperation - *Mrs Longstaff.*

YEAR 1 VISIT TO TROPICAL WORLD AND ROUNDHAY PARK

On Thursday 7th December, Year 1 will be visiting Tropical World and Roundhay Park. The coach will leave school at 9.15 a.m. and return for the end of the school day. School uniform should be worn along with a warm coat, hat and gloves if required. A drawstring bag or rucksack is also required to carry coats etc. whilst in Tropical World.

RECEPTION CLASS – ITEMS REQUIRED

Reception would like any unwanted technology equipment for topic work next term. Any old/ broken keyboards, phones, tablets etc. would be gratefully received. Thank you – *Mrs Bennett and Miss Midgley*

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to all those who purchased items for The Royal British Poppy Appeal, the amount raised this year was a fantastic £321.55.

PARKING

Please do not park at the side of the wooden fence which houses the dustbins - the area on the right just through the gates to the main carpark. This narrows access into the main carpark, making it difficult for cars to move in and out of the carpark and is a safety issue.

NETBALL CLUB

Netball club for Tuesday 5th December is cancelled due to Mrs Longstaff attending a meeting and there will be no further netball club sessions this half term. Netball club will resume on Tuesday 9th January 2018.



MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER - YEAR 6 FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCH

Well done to the team for a great effort on an extremely muddy, wet & cold evening against St Mary's, Horsforth. Thank you to Mr Brennan for refereeing & Mr Metcalfe for coaching support - Mrs Longstaff.



SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Well done to all the runners on Saturday on what was an extremely muddy course!

Results:

Under 9 girls: Alex C. - 12, Alice M. – 13, Kaitlyn McC. – 39, Amelie M. – 50 and Olivia L. – 56

Under 9 boys: Alfie H. – 17, Zach F. – 22, Ben S. – 35, James D. – 100, Oliver C. – 109, Christopher K. – 111, Sam H. – 133 and Max M. – 114

Under 11 girls: Ella L. – 54

Under 11 boys: Joseph C. – 87 and Calum H. - 115

WEEKLY AWARDS

'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Generosity:

Reception – Arthur B.
Year 1 – Beth S.
Year 2 – Florence H.
Year 3 – Henry G.
Year 4 – Eirinn McQ.
Year 5 – Jacob M.
Year 6 – Daniel W.

'Mathletics – Best in Class'

Reception – Elsie McL.
Year 1 – Jessica H.
Year 2 – Isla McL.
Year 3 – Rachel F.
Year 4 – Finlay B.
Year 5 – Josh B.
Year 6 – Ellie M.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PARISH FAIR

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the Christmas fair by either sending in bags, cakes or attending the fair.

Darcey R. (Year 1) won the £5 carrier bag draw

We raised over £2,000 and it was a great social occasion, especially seeing Fr John with his face painted after more than £100 was raised to persuade him to do it!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP - ADVENT PROJECT

The Children's liturgy group have provided stars in the Church porch. Please write the name of someone you would like prayers for during Advent and we will put them on the liturgy Advent frieze. The children and the rest of the congregation will pray for them each week.

"IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER" Matthew 21:22

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER AND PAUL

Yeadon Christmas Light Switch-on

Thank you to all who supported this event – we raised £193.

Christmas Shops

The Christmas shops will take place on Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th December (am). There are a number of lovely wrapped gifts that children can purchase for parents, grandparents and siblings for £2 each.

Non-Uniform Day

Children will be asked to come in non-uniform on Friday 8th December in exchange for donations for the Christmas Hampers.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

All children should have brought home envelopes last week with £10 worth of raffle tickets in. The FOSPAP would be very grateful if you could sell as many tickets as possible, with a chance to win one of the many wonderful Christmas Hampers on offer! If you require additional tickets, please ask the School Office. Please ensure that all tickets sold have a name and contact number on. All money, stubs of sold tickets and strips of unsold tickets must be returned to school **before Monday 11th December 2017**. The draw will take place on Wednesday 13th December 2017 immediately after the Christmas Productions (pm). Thank you to all those who have already purchased tickets.

Next Meeting

The next FOSPAPS' meeting will be in school on Thursday 11th January at 7pm.