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NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th December 2017

STAFF CHANGES IN 2018

Year 4 Due to personal family circumstances, Mr Bailey will be saying goodbye to us at the end of this term. In January, **Year 4**, will be taught by Ms Holmes, who is a very experienced teacher. She has taught in St Joseph's Otley and other local schools. I am sure Year 4 children and parents will give her a warm 'family' welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bailey for his care and consideration this term and wish him and his family well for the future.

Year 2 The more observant among you may have noticed that Mrs Longstaff is growing a wonderful bump! Mrs Longstaff hopes to start her maternity leave at the end of the Spring Term and so we will have another teacher for Year 2 in the Summer Term. This maternity post will be advertised as soon as we come back to school in January and I shall inform you of any arrangements.

Mass in Church followed by Confession – Autumn Term 2017

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

Advent Events in School

Event	Leading Class	Date
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

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.

ADVENT FUNDRAISING

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 APP

There currently appears to be a 'glitch' with calendar dates on the app. Information for the app is pulled directly from the school website and so both should show the same information. However, we are aware of one date which is incorrect and that is the date to return after the Easter Holidays. The website company are trying to resolve the issue but until then please check the website for all calendar dates instead of on the app as we do not know if more dates may be affected.

KEY STAGE 2 CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH – 18TH DECEMBER 2017

The Key Stage 2 carol service starts in Church at 6.00 p.m. on Monday 18th December. All Year 3 children should arrive at the Parish Centre at 5.30 p.m. dressed in their costume/ clothes which they will bring home from school on that day after the dress rehearsal. Year 2 choir and Years 4, 5 and 6 should go straight into Church for 5.45 p.m. Please ensure children in Year 3 have their costumes/ clothes in school by Monday morning, 18th December, ready for the dress rehearsal.

RECEPTION VISIT TO MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S

The Reception Class will visit Mount St Joseph's next Thursday, 14th December, to perform their Nativity production for the residents. The coach will leave school approx. 9.15 a.m. and return for usual lunch arrangements.

YEAR 1 VISIT TO TROPICAL WORLD

The children had a fantastic time learning about the variety of animals and even braved the cold for an educational workshop in the woods. Many thanks to the parent helpers who accompanied us on our trip
Mrs Lambert

CHRISTMAS DINNER

For all children who currently have a school meal and for those children who have a packed lunch but have ordered a Christmas dinner, this will be served on Tuesday 12th December.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Our first edition of the School Newspaper is now on sale 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!

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 9.15 a.m. on the same day.

PANTOMIME

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed a pantomime performance of Aladdin in school on Wednesday. So far, we have collected a total of £346.00 – half of this amount will go towards the cost of the pantomime and the other half will be donated to **CAFOD for the Advent Appeal**. Thank you to all those who have contributed so far, if you would like to make a contribution please make your payment on ParentPay by Friday 15th December, when we will close the item on ParentPay.

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*



THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER YEAR 6 FOOTBALL – BISHOP'S CUP ROUND 1

Unfortunately, we were knocked out of the Bishop's Cup at this round in a match against St Paul's, but a great team effort from the players in what was a very wet, cold and windy match.

Mrs Longstaff

WEEKLY AWARDS

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

Reception – Missi T.
Year 1 – All of Year 1
Year 2 – Orlaith McQ.
Year 3 – Oliver B.
Year 4 – Thomas E.
Year 5 – Sosi S.
Year 6 – Ben F.

'Mathletics – Best in Class'

Reception – Halle W-M
Year 1 – Jessica H.
Year 2 – Sam M.
Year 3 – Noah M.
Year 4 – Jake Mcl.
Year 5 – Aaron S.
Year 6 – Calum H.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

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

CHRISTINGLE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday 17th December, the children will be presenting their Christingles during 11.00 a.m. Mass, followed by a small Christmas party in the Parish centre. Could all children bring an orange (NOT a Satsuma) and please provide some buns /cakes/chocolate biscuits to share at the party. Everyone welcome to come down after Mass for refreshments.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER AND PAUL

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Thank you to those who have already bought tickets, if you would still like to purchase raffle tickets please hand money and stubs in to the school office on Monday morning. There will be an option to purchase tickets at the Key Stage 1 Christmas Production. The draw will take place at this performance in the afternoon.

Next Meeting

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