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NEWSLETTER

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Great Mary

Greatest of Marys,

Greatest of Women,

Mother of Eternal Glory,

Mother of the Golden Light,

Honour of the Sky,

Temple of Divinity,

Fountain of the Gardens,

Serene as the Moon,

Bright as the Sun,

Temple of the Living God,

Light of Nazareth,

Beauty of the World,

Queen of Life,

Ladder of Heaven,

Mother of God,

Pray for us

Good afternoon on this proper winters day! I do love a bit of snow, it makes me feel quite festive. Although with all the Nativity plays next week I suspect I'll be overflowing with festive spirit by Friday.

You will be pleased to hear that all Nativity plays are coming along well—on Wednesday afternoon Mrs Akhtar, Miss Reilly and I were setting up for the Card Night and we had songs in the hall, songs in Year 6 and Brass all going on at the same time—it certainly felt festive, particularly as we were creating trays of glitter.

We have continued on a pace with this term and we are now 6 weeks in, in the last two weeks we have had our immunisations for Reception—Year 4, the Christmas Decorations have gone up, Year 2 have been to Blakesley Hall, School photos have been taken, Swimming and Brass have continued and as always much learning has taken place.

2 Thank-you

Many thanks to the parents of children with SEND who attended a meeting on Wednesday morning. The purpose of the meeting was to explain how SEND would be managed with Mr Kelly leaving. If you couldn't attend the meeting we do have a handout for you—please ask the ladies in the office and they will provide you with one. We will continue to be as available and open to you all but the main difference over the next two terms is you could be talking to Mr O'Rourke, Mr Samuels or myself about your child as we will all work together on SEND.

Another huge thank you to all those children and parents who attended our 'Gift Night' in which many (very lovely) Christmas cards have been made for friends of St Cuthbert's and the local community. Your cards will be sent to people like, Father Paul, Father Andrew, Mrs Still, Mrs Laidlaw and then others will be posted to our local community. I am always so impressed with the amount of children and families who come along to support the afternoon.

In the midst of all the glitter and glue we also raised £106 for Shelter—the homeless charity; they will greatly appreciate the money at this time of year.

School Fund

As I have made you aware school funding is a challenging and difficult area at this present time and as a school we are making cut backs where we can whilst trying to protect the level of education we provide for your children. The School Council have come up with a number of ideas for fundraising for our school fund these include another school disco in the new year.

They have suggested that we ask for £1 donation towards Christmas Jumper Day—obviously this is a voluntary charge but I've said I would put it in the newsletter. So next Friday 15th December all children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper and if £1 can be donated for school fund that would be tremendous. It is not non-uniform, as we will be having that the following week—it is uniform with a Christmas Jumper instead of a school jumper (if that makes sense?)

Things that have been bought for the school through school fund:

- > Two benches and storage box for the Prayer Garden
- > Paint for the railings in the Prayer Garden
- > The deposit for the central water feature in the Prayer Garden
- > A new tombola for the fete
- > Three new crucifixes for classrooms
- > USB storage devices
- > All the class SMSVC books
- > Attendance prizes

Weekly Attendance for
St Cuthbert's:

96.33%

Class Weekly Attendance

Reception— 98%

Year 1— 98%

Year 2— 94%

Year 3— 93.5%

Year 4— 93.3%

Year 5— 95.6%

Year 6— 95.3%

Many congratulations to who
won the weekly attendance
award.

As you can see Reception and
Year 1 won the attendance
last week, with Year 6 win-
ning the week before. It is
turning into a real competi-
tion this year. Who will it be
by July I wonder?

After School Clubs

*Dance will have a perfor-
mance on Monday 11th De-
cember at 4:00pm for their
parents. Jade asked if they
have a Christmas outfit if
they could wear one for the
performance (the children
not the parents!). This will
be the last session of dance
for the term.*

*Brass Band will be perform-
ing for their parents on
Wednesday 13th December
at 4:00pm.*

*All other clubs have now
finished for the term.*

*The final **Swimming** session
of the term for Year 5 and
Year 6 on Tuesday 12th De-
cember. It will be Year 3 and
Year 4 swimming from Janu-
ary.*

*Parents of children in Year
4, 5 and 6 are invited to a
Brass Assembly on Wednes-
day 20th December at
2:00pm*

Corpus Christi School Mass

Many thanks to all the children, families and staff who attended Mass on Sunday 26th November at Corpus Christi Church. It was a great privilege to have Bishop Robert Byrne with us and the Mass was lovely. An ex-headteacher from Birmingham came up to me at the end to congratulate the school on the conduct and presentation of the children. She was really quite moved by the Mass and was full of praise for our children. It made me incredibly proud.

Thank you for all your support, of your children, the school and the parish.

Teacher Training Day

We had one teacher training day that had to be arranged for this academic year. I can now confirm that this will take place on **Monday 26th February 2018**. I have been waiting to confirm the date of some Speech and Language training for staff and this has now been arranged for this day.

Christmas Dinner Menu

Mrs Khan and her wonderful team of cooks have given me the Christmas Lunch Menu for Tuesday 19th December. This lunch always forms part of our school Christmas celebrations in which children wear non-uniform, have a special visitor, have Christmas lunch and watch a film. All children are invited to have Christmas lunch even if you have sandwiches most of the time; the cost of Christmas lunch is £2.25.

Christmas Dates in School

Tuesday 12 December—Year 2 Play at 2:15pm

Wednesday 13th December—Year 3 and Year 4 Plays—7:00pm

Thursday 14th December—Reception/Year 1 Play—2:15pm

Thursday 14th December—Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service 7:00pm at
Corpus Christi Church

Friday 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December—Afternoon Nursery Play 2:00pm

Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Party Day—non uniform.

Tuesday 19th December—Morning Nursery Play 10:30am

Friday 22nd December—School Breaks for Christmas at 2:00pm

Nursery Nativity

The poor Nursery didn't get a mention in my dates for Christmas—I am very sorry about that. For the morning children their Christmas play is on Tuesday 19th December at 10:30am and for the after-noon children their play is on Friday 15th December at 2:00pm. For children who attend all day you have a choice, come to either or to both!

Attendance and Punctuality

As we approach the end of term Mr Wilson and I will be sending letters to parents if we have a concern about attendance or punctuality. Could you please make every effort to drop off and collect your children on time. The school bell goes for the start of the day at 8:55am. If we have major concerns we will be asking you to attend a meeting to see what we can do to help you ensure your child is on time and present in school.

One final message, CJM are performing a Christmas Concert at Corpus Christi Church tonight at 8:00pm. Tickets are £8:00 but there are concessions.

Have a wonderful weekend—see you next week,

Yours Sincerely, Mrs Hobbs and all the staff