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Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas



We are coming to the end of a very busy term and what has been a really successful one for our school. The visit from OFSTED in October was the icing on the cake and confirmed just what a good school we have here at St Anthony's. This is testament to the hard work of all our pupils and staff, to you as parent/carers for your support and trust and the governors who put their faith in myself as Headteacher. I hope that the birth of the Christ Child brings hope and peace to all our families and I look forward to further success for our school in 2018 and beyond.

Put Christ at the heart of your Christmas and worship the Baby Jesus in the manger. I hope that you all have a lovely family time this Christmas and appreciate that time spent together is special. Cherish it.

Statement to live by next week is: 'To know that by welcoming the Christ Child into our Hearts. We bring the love of God to others'.

Travelling Crib-

I hope you are enjoying this time of prayer together. Please make sure all travelling cribs are returned to school by Wednesday 20th December. Thank you

Sacramental Preparation- Please return the reply slip as soon as possible. Children must be baptised into the Catholic faith to make their First Confession. Any parents who would like their children to be baptised, please collect a form from the school office. A meeting regarding Reconciliation will take place at 6.00pm on Thursday 11th January 2018.

Open Arms- Father Simon would love to hear from any parent/carers who would like to have their child/children baptised. He will welcome you with open arms. Please see me if you would like any support.

Mini Vinnies – Hamper Appeal- Thank you for your kind donations for this appeal. SVP hampers will be delivered on Monday 18th December. No more food items are needed. Thank you for your support.

Make a Child Smile this Christmas- Thank you so much for your kind donations of toys for the hospital. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Your donation will make a difference this Christmas.



Friday 15th December- Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day (Non Uniform Day)

Children may wear their Christmas jumper in exchange for a £1 raffle entry for the chance to win a family of four ticket to see Aladdin on Friday 22nd December at the Bradford Playhouse, worth £50.00.

Friday 15th December-Santa needs help!

Santa needs help with some Christmas wrapping. Can I have adult volunteers to help with this important task? Paper, scissors and sellotape provided, as well as free refreshments. Please let Mrs Langford know if you are able to join in the fun.

Upcoming Events

Friday 15th December
Christmas Lunch- whole school- **wear your Christmas jumper/Non uniform in exchange for £1 raffle entry**

Monday 18th December
Christmas Party Afternoon

Wednesday 20th December
KS2 Carol Service in Church 2.15pm
School closes for Christmas

Monday 8th January
School reopens

Let us do something beautiful for God

Christmas Party afternoon- Monday 18th December

We would like all children to contribute to the snacks and party food if possible. Could each class bring the following:

Reception & Year 3- Crisps **Year 1 & Year 4-** Savoury snacks (i.e. sausage or cheese rolls, bread sticks)
Year 2 & Year 5- Buns/cake **Year 6-** Biscuits

Please ensure that food does not contain nut products including Nutella or chocolate spread, and any homemade products are clearly labelled. Thank you for your support.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service in Church- Wednesday 20th December at 2.15pm


Please join us on the last day of term for our Key Stage 2 Carol Service. All are welcome.

SBSJ Christmas Card competition-

Congratulations to Arissa Ali in Year 6 who is one of the winners of this competition from nearly 200 entries. Her standard of art has been commended.

Nativities:

Thank you to all our children and staff for making this happen. All performances were amazing and each gave the true meaning of this season. Photographs will feature in the Telegraph & Argus Shining Stars supplement on Wednesday 20th December. Don't forget to pick up a copy!

 **Please follow us @stantclayton-** Keep up to date with events in school and in the classroom. You will be amazed at all the things we get up to! We now have **359** followers! The numbers of followers are still rising. If you have not already informed us and you do not want your child to be on twitter please contact the school office and we will place this information on file. Come on join our twitter community. It is a great way to see what we get up to and all the fun we have.

Holidays 18/19

The school holidays for 2018/2019 are now available to view on the school website. A hard copy will be sent home with the children after the Christmas break.

Catholic Life Survey

Thank you to those who completed this on line survey. The results are on our school website in the RE section. A paper copy will be sent out in the New Year.

Reception Applications for September 2017

Applications must be submitted to Education Bradford by **Monday 15th January 2018**. You can apply online at www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions. If you are unable to apply online a paper application form will be available from the Admissions Team. The school's Supplementary Information Form should be submitted by the same date to St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Bradford Road, Clayton, Bradford, BD14 6HW.

May I wish you all a Holy Christmas and many blessings for the New Year 2018.



In the Community

Parish Mass Times

All welcome at any Parish Mass. This week's Mass times are as follows:
Week Day Mass- 9.30am
Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am



Child of the Week

Year R- Violet Jones
Year 1- Scarlett Drake
Year 2- Shaan Ahmed
Year 4- Frankie Trudgill
Year 5- Lola Benson
Year 6- Keano Ritchie & Esta Taylor



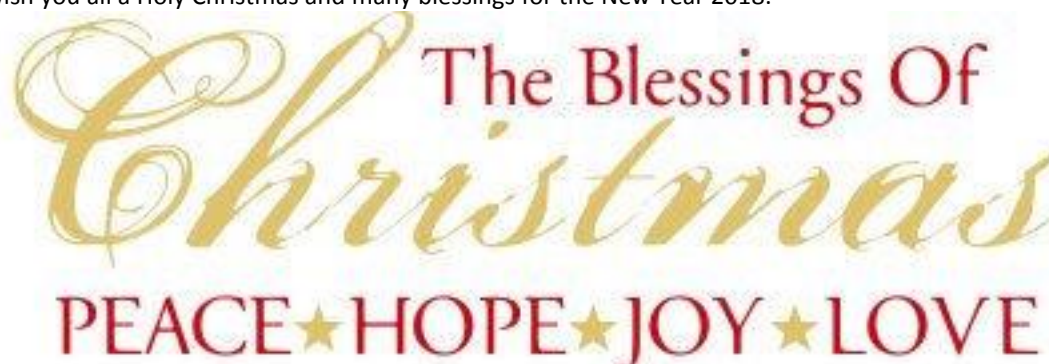
Star Writer

Year R- Imogen Marriott
Year 1- Harvey Stokes
Year 2- Lumi Chavula
Year 4- Liam Badinas
Year 5- Alfie Humpherson
Year 6- Rumanah Malik

Attendance Champions



YR- 86.3% Y1- 94.7%
Y2- 97.7% Y4- 97.2%
Y5- 96.1% Y6- 95.9%



I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th January 2018
Mrs M T Bannister- Headteacher



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