



St. Oswald's R.C. Primary School



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Dear Families,

Friday 22nd December

As we approach the end to a long and very busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support for the school. The children, as always, have prepared for Christmas meticulously, resulting in three fantastic Nativity performances that helped everyone who was lucky enough to be able to come along to see them, remind themselves of this very special time of the year. Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two have told the Christmas Story beautifully and are a real credit to our school and their families. I would also like to thank Father Jim for his constant support. Despite having an extremely busy schedule and numerous other commitments, he always finds the time to celebrate Mass with us, attend class liturgies and lead RE lessons across the school.

Reception Parent Consultation Meetings

Mrs Wynne will offer a Parents' Consultation meeting in the new year for the parents of children in Reception. We find that rather than sending Autumn progress reports to parents like we do for the other children in school, it is more beneficial to meet to discuss your child's experiences and achievements since starting school in September. The meetings will take place on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th of January (times and details to follow).

Term dates 2018-19

The term dates for 2018-19 are now available on our school website. Because of the timing of Easter in 2019, in order to co-ordinate with our Feeder High Schools as much as possible, we will not be in school during Holy Week. While it is always our intention to be in school during this special time, governors have decided, along with Fr Jim, that it is in the best interests of families to try and match our holidays as closely as possible to Sacred Heart, St Cuthbert's and St Mary's High Schools.

Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who bought Christmas Calendars and Nativity DVDs – they have been a great success and the proceeds have contributed hugely towards our school funds. Please find below a breakdown of what we have raised in the last few weeks.

Nativity DVDs – £396
Calendars – £276
Christmas Fair – £1053
Collection in church after Y5 & Y6 Nativity for 'Daft as a Brush' & 'The People's Kitchen' – £316
Christmas Cake Raffle – £176
St Oswald's Hospice Beanies – £328
Save the Children Christmas jumper Day - £150
Christmas Tree Stars - £71

Thank you again for your generosity towards each of the above.

A reminder that school re-opens for children on Monday 8th January.

On behalf of the governors and staff, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy and holy Christmas.

With best wishes,

Mr P Marley



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