



## Week Thirteen

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A massive thank you to everyone who was able to join us this week for the KS1 performances of the Little Fir Tree. I never fail to be impressed by our talented children, their singing, dancing, narrating and acting were wonderful. We are truly blessed with a wide range of talented children - thank you.

The staff worked incredibly hard to put on the production for us all to enjoy so congratulations must go to Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Williams, Miss Allonby, Mrs. Wickens, Mrs. Plowman and Mrs. McCabe with a special mention to Mrs. Harris for the spotlight!

The play reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas and I came away with a warm glow, with the final words echoing in my mind:

One little fir tree growing in a forest brought  
light and happiness to all those children.  
One little baby lying in a manger brought  
hope and forgiveness to the whole world.  
So when you feel small and unimportant  
don't forget God has a special plan for you  
too!

***Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families.***

*Sarah Sparks*

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**St Catherine's:**

**A family united in God's love,  
learning in faith together for a  
compassionate tomorrow.**

## End of Term Events

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Year 5 have been invited to sing carols at an OAP lunch on Monday 11th December. Thank you to those parents who are helping with transportation. I am sure you will all enjoy the super singing and your lunch!



On Tuesday 12th December our choir will be walking to The Acorn's Residential home and entertaining the residents.

**Key Stage 2 Advent Carol Service** at 6:30pm in St Catherine's Church on Wednesday 13th December

### Christmas Jumper & Party Day

Thursday 14th Dec

This year we would like the children to bring a party plate of food on 14th December to avoid any unnecessary food waste.

Thank you



## Religious Education Inspection

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We have been notified that we are due to be inspected by the Plymouth Diocese in January. Our last inspection was in July 2015. In your child's book bag you should have received a questionnaire about the school which we would like you to return to the school office in a sealed envelope by Friday 15th December so we can send them all on to the inspection team. Thank you.

## Parking

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Unfortunately we have been contacted by residents again due to inconsiderate parking. This week a family were unable to park on their driveway as a member of our community had blocked their access. Please, for the sake of our whole community **think before you park.**

## Awards

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### Headteacher Awards

Reception:	Evie B and Scarlett F
Year 1:	Jake B and Jake W
Year 2:	Darcy G and Martha G
Year 3:	Clara J and Josslyn H
Year 4:	Anna-Marie and Kairo M
Year 5:	Darcie J, Vera M and Evelyn M
Year 6:	Eleanor K and Oliver M

### House Points

St John Bosco :	45
St Francis de Sales:	41
St Teresa of Lisieux :	74
St Margaret Clitherow :	46



**Congratulations!**

## Netball Tournament

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Congratulations to our Netball team, coached by Mrs Deary, for their superb win on Wednesday evening at St Michael's.

## Senior Administrator

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We have not been able to recruit a senior administrator, so if you know of anyone who has experience of working in administration who might be able to help us out whilst we re-advertise, please ask them to contact Mrs Sparks as soon as possible. Thank you.

## St Catherine's Parish Christmas Fair

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The annual parish Christmas Fair will take place this **Sunday 10th December** after the 11am Mass. There will be games, a tombola, raffle and of course Santa will be there.

Everyone is welcome, so do come along.





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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13/12      Woodwind Concert 8:45am  
              Parents welcome  
              KS2 Carol Service 6:30pm at  
              St Catherine's Church
- 14/12      Christmas jumper and party day
- 15/12      End of term 1:30pm
- 18th Dec—2nd January Christmas Holiday**
- 3/1/18     Children's first day back
- 5/2/18     NSPCC Speak out stay safe day
- 7/2/18     Safer Internet Day
- 8/2/18     Open Afternoon
- 9/2/18     Sponsored Bounce
- 12—16th February Half Term**



## After School Clubs—Spring Term

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Monday:	Basketball	3 –4:05pm Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday:	Multi-skills	3.10–4.10pm Children in Year 1—6
Thursday:	Tennis	3 –3:45pm Children in Years 1 –6
Friday:	Street Dance	3-4:15pm Children in Years 1 –6
Saturday:	Fun Football	9:15—10:30am