



ST. ANNE'S GAZETTE

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19th December 2018

Dear all,

We have done a lot of travelling for our Christmas performances this year—from Bethlehem, to back in time to the Victorian era with Year 5, to an alternate universe with Year 6 and yesterday to the far reaches to meet two tribes with Year 4. All the performances have been excellent and the singing amazing. Thank you to all the children and the staff for giving it their all—they have certainly brightened my days.

The message from them all is the same though and that is that we should be preparing to welcome God's only son this Christmas season. This being a time when we can reflect on our lives, to share what we have with others who don't and make changes for the better. I hope you all find some time over this busy period to do that.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a final "farewell" to Mrs McNerney and Mrs Sawenko who will be leaving to take care of family. We will miss them both dearly and thank them for all they have done for every child in their care now and in the past. I wish them well in their new ventures and hope they come back to see us often.

Finally, I just want to thank everyone in the St Anne's team for doing all they do to make St Anne's the wonderful school that it is, and to the children for working so hard.

I'd like to wish you all the very best for this festive season and hope that 2019 is a happy and healthy year.

**SCHOOL FINISHES FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER
12.20pm for KEY STAGE 1 & 12.30pm for KEY STAGE 2
AND RE-OPENS
ON MONDAY, 7TH JANUARY 2019 AT 8.45 A.M.**

DON'T FORGET...

- **KS2 LUNCH TOMORROW (20TH DECEMBER)**
(These children can wear their own Christmassy clothes for the day.)
- **CHRISTMAS MUFTI FRIDAY, (21ST DECEMBER)**

We're not asking the children to bring any money in for a change, but would appreciate as many contributions of tins and other non-perishable food items as you can manage for the children to bring to their last assembly of the term. The Salvation Army are always so grateful for your generosity, as are the people in the unfortunate position of having to ask them for help. I'm sure it will brighten their Christmas. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

*If your KS2 child is on school lunches, please don't forget to make sure their account is **in credit with a minimum of a week (i.e. £11.50 to take them up to and including 11th January) by the first day of term (Monday, 7th January). Please note that the method of payment is on-line through ParentPay—do ask the office if you need any help with this.***

If your child's account has a negative balance I must remind you that we cannot guarantee a meal until the account is once again in credit.

Please do come and see me if you have any queries or concerns.

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Choir

On Monday the choir presented two wonderful assemblies for the whole school, performing a beautiful variety of Christmas Carols. It was so well received that even more children now want to join.

A special thank you to Mr Bruce, Ms Dimech and Mrs Huskinson who give up their Friday mornings to the choir.

Christmas Lunch

Another wonderful event which the children thoroughly enjoy. Key Stage 1 had their Christmas Lunch yesterday and you can just imagine the excitement and noise in the dining hall. Key Stage 2 will then have their celebrations tomorrow which, of course, will also cause a great deal of merriment! Special thanks once again to Laura and her team in the kitchen for the delicious food and the festive lighting. Plus our lunchtime supervisors who come in early to set up for the big events and ensure it runs smoothly

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please may I remind everyone to ensure your child comes to school in full uniform. Every now and then I notice some children are wearing wrong footwear, bright coats, not wearing a tie, etc. Could you also remind your child that he/she must remember to bring P.E. kit on the appropriate days. We are constantly encouraging the children to take responsibility and pride in their daily appearance and organisation.

On behalf of all the staff at St Anne's I wish you all a holy and peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

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PRAYER

Without Prayer, we can do nothing

These initiatives will help you to deepen your life of prayer:

Weeks of Guided Prayer in every Deanery

Encounter Groups for young adults

Lectio Divina Evenings for those preparing for Confirmation

Network of Spiritual Accompaniment

LORD,

the Word who is Life.
May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call, we may bear powerful witness to all around us, for you are Lord for ever and ever.

AMEN

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Introducing the Pastoral Plan for the future of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

FORMATION

It is Jesus Himself who forms us, but we must be open to Him

Opportunities for:

A Programme of Formation in every Deanery

Ascent Movement for Young Catholics

A renewed spirit of Welcome in Parish and Deanery

Development of the network for Spiritual Accompaniment

Family Groups in Parishes

TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The Lord Himself has called us to be His presence in today's world

Respond to His call to grow closer to Him and to bring others to know the wonder of the Gospel and the life of His Church

Live your life centred on the Eucharist and be strengthened through your prayer

Enable others to find the answers they seek, through a deeper understanding of your Faith

Be formed by Christ, for yourself and for others

FINANCE

Thank you for all the support you give to your Parish community and to the Diocese

Without this financial support, the Mission could not be carried out

So:

Please do all you can to put an extra pound per family member in the collection each week

Help the major fundraising campaign for the support of our retired priests

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