



14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 and 3 Assembly

We have had a great week with a fantastic production of ***Jesus' Birthday Celebration*** by Year 2 and Year 3. The children really impressed us all with their acting and beautiful singing.

Thank you to those who attended for the generous donations. We raised £156.44.

Nursery Assembly

Well done to our Nursery Class on their wonderful Assembly. Because they are small in number, they each had an opportunity to individually showcase their personalities and ability.

We would particularly like to thank all the parents and carers who attended both performances and their respect for our GDPR compliance. As I explained before each performance, it is a difficult for us as a school to not be able to capture images and record such wonderful occasions but we must respect the wishes of our parents/carers, and must understand that some of our families must have their children's identity protected to maintain their safety.

Class Parties

Many thanks to you all for the contributions to the class parties. The children had a superb time, especially as a result of a special visitor calling in to drop off presents to each class.

Junior Reconciliation

All junior children who have made their First Holy Communion attended Reconciliation at St Peter and St Paul on Monday. The children were very respectful as they waited for the priests to become available. This is just one of the ways the children are preparing for the birth of Christ.

Infant Story Sacks

Nursery to Year 2 classes have been giving out a story sack of the nativity to share at home with parents/ carers. The story sack includes wooden figures, a story book and prayer to share with the family. Not all children will have the chance to take them before Christmas, but when we return after Christmas the story sack will continue to be shared so that all children have the opportunity to share it at home. Please be mindful that each



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story sack has cost the school nearly £50.00, and they must be treated with care. Story sacks must be returned to school the next day. If it is not returned, a child will miss out on their opportunity. Please be aware of this.

Junior Carol Service

Year 4-6 will be celebrating for Christmas in the Church - St Peter & St Paul Amwell Street, for our Advent Carol Service at 2pm on Wednesday. Parents and carers are most welcome to join as we prepare in a liturgical way, re-enacting the Nativity Story through Bible stories and a Tableau.

Christmas Dinner

Children and staff had a lovely Christmas dinner courtesy of Florence and her team today. Nothing says Christmas dinner (apart from the turkey) more than a cracker to share with a friend, and the children all had the opportunity to do this (bad jokes included).

Flu Immunisation

The remaining children received their flu immunisation on Monday. If your child missed this occasion, you will need to make an appointment with your GP to get this done.

Christmas Jumpers

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Thursday 20th December the last day of term. All money raised will be donated to The Passage a charity for the homeless.

Treats for the community

A group of pupils went out into the community to bring some Christmas cheer. A huge thank you to our Prime Minister Ruby in Year 6 who has been baking at home with her family in order for this to happen. The public were delighted to receive this treat and put a smile on their faces.

Staff Member Leaving

We are sorry to announce that Hollie Adkins will be leaving us at the end of this term. She is moving on to a job in the City and is very sad to leave us. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and we look forward to hearing about her successes. Thank you Hollie for all your hard work.



School Finishes

School finishes **at 1:30pm on Thursday**. Children will return to school on the 7th January 2019.

PTA

PTA Important notice - Committee election

The PTA will hold another AGM in order to elect the new chair and the new treasurer on the first week of January (date will be confirmed on classlist early next week). **We need you to come along to this very short meeting in order to validate the election.** Parents who are working can give proxy. Contact Marthe Danzin on Classlist.

PTA - Second Hand Uniforms

Don't forget to request uniforms. New ties are in for the moment at £4.00 (they're new not second hand). Lots for trousers, navy skirts and dresses as well as jumpers and school jackets.

PTA - Christmas Shopping!

PTA signed up for another new scheme that raises money for school at no extra cost for the parents/carers.

To register: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1166726-0>

And after don't forget to shop at: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

You can use this link and still benefit from your credit card advantages (if you have any 😊): some parents asked if one can combine smileAmazon + cashback on credit card: yes it's working perfectly fine on both ends.

Word on Wednesday

On Sunday the third candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy.

The word MERCY is explored in the Sunday Gospel.

"God is so merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful." Pope Francis

Have a good weekend



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Yours sincerely

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