



St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Tracey Peters

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As usual in the lead up to Christmas the week has been busy with two Nativities, preparations for the carol service at St Peter's Church and the school fair! Read about what we have been up to in this week's newsletter.

Prayer Life of the School

We are now in the third week of Advent and at school we lit the Shepherds' Candle the only pink candle on the Advent wreath. The Shepherds' Candle emphasizes the joy of finding the Christ Child and sharing this joy with others



Dear God,

May we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Years 2 and 3 Wriggly Nativity

On Tuesday Year 2 and 3 combined to put on a humorous adaptation of the Nativity complete with animal sound effects and lots of singing and dancing. Certainly, a great show for the audience. The children shone as they used their big voices and performed very well. Everyone was impressed with how the two classes came together.



Nursery Nativity

On Wednesday our smallest children Amethyst and Pearl classed put on a brilliant 'First Nativity'. They did exceptionally well in learning their lines and all the words to the songs. They even treated us to some excellent dancing. There were no tears and they all remembered to face the front nearly all the time!



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Year 1 Nativity

Year 1 treated us to a spectacular production of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel complete with amazing solos and energetic singing and dancing on Thursday. We were all incredibly impressed with them and agreed it was West End musical standard. Well done to Year 1 for such high-quality entertainment! A great way to end the Nativity season.



Christmas fun with Arsenal

In their PE lesson this week Year 1 and 2 practiced what they have learnt this year with some free games in their Christmas jumpers with their Arsenal instructors.



Christmas Jumper Day

The children all looked splendid on Wednesday in their festive jumpers.



Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed a full Christmas dinner with chocolate cake and chocolate custard on Wednesday. They listened to festive tunes while they ate. The teachers and cooks all dressed for the occasion.

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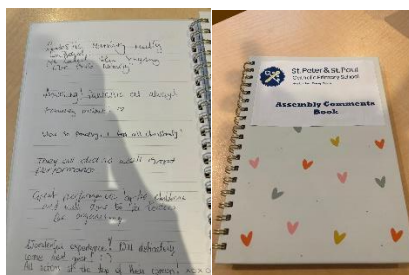


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Assembly Comment Book

Please find a comment book in the cubby hole near the window in the foyer and do add your comments after you have enjoyed an assembly. We love reading all your thoughts and comments.



Parent Pay

Please can you check your Parent Pay accounts for any outstanding debts, especially music lessons. Unfortunately, we have to suspend music lessons if your account is in arrears until the balance is cleared.

Christmas Toy Appeal Reminder



Thank you to those who have already contributed toys. As you can see the boxes are filling up. You can still help us spread the joy of Christmas at St Peter and St Paul to families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift. Please take a tag to indicate who the toy is for. The tags can be found on our beautiful tree in the foyer.

Many thanks for your continuing generosity in supporting all our school appeals.

Carol Singers to Moor Place/Singing at St Mary's Church Big Winter Soul Sing

On Thursday a group of children from years 5 and 6 entertained the office workers at Moor Place. The adults there were enchanted. All the participating children received a goodie bag for their efforts. They sang beautifully.

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Children from Years 4 and 5 joined other schools from Islington in the Big Winter Soul Sing where they grooved and sang with soul in their hearts!



Family Christmas Wreath Making

Saturday 14th December 2:30-4:30
Vibast Community Centre, 167 Old Street.

Book your place now! Text Juliet 07816 116 639 your name and number of people who will attend or visit adultlearning.islington.gov.uk to enrol



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Carol Service 2pm (Years 4,5 and 6) St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church in Clerkenwell- **Collect your children from the church at 3pm**

Wednesday 18th December Class Christmas Parties. Own Clothes.

Friday 20th December- last day of term. Half day. Please collect your child/ren at 1:15pm

No after school club on the 20th so please make alternative arrangements.

Christmas Fair

On Friday the school hosted its annual Christmas fair. We had a fabulous festive drinks stall, hot and cold food, stalls selling toys and games, a raffle and an amazing DJ, that got everyone in the festive spirit. Everyone involved had a fun-packed Christmassy time. Even Santa and one of his elves visited. We raised lot of much needed money which will go towards class trips and school improvements.



Attendance and Punctuality

The whole school achieved attendance this week 93% which is a slight upturn as all classes had attendance above 90%.

Remember the national target of 96%. This week Sapphire Class achieved 94% and were the winners. Congratulations to Year 6!

Ruby won **the punctuality cup** with 3 lates before the register closed. Well done to Year 5!

Next week children who achieved **96%** attendance since September will receive a bronze wristband. Children who achieved **98%** will receive a silver wristband and those children who

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achieved an outstanding **100%** attendance will receive a gold wristband and attend a very special trip with Miss Peters in the new year.
The class with the most certificates for attendance have a pizza party to look forward to!



Please be reminded of our new attendance policy (on the website) for any term time holidays. We are following Islington's guidelines and any request for holidays will be unauthorised. Families will be referred to Islington's Access and Engagement officer who will pursue the fines.

The Wednesday Word

In this Sunday's Gospel crowds spoke John the Baptist. He gave them instructions: "If anyone has two coats, they should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same" He said to the tax collectors: "Don't collect any more than you should." The people began to think that John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandal strap."

Dear Lord Jesus,

Please give us the courage always to do and say what is right and to remember that we can always put our faith in you. Help us grow in the virtue of mercy to be open to receiving your mercy and in showing mercy to others

Amen

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,

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