



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Newsletter 14

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents,

In the Gospel this Sunday St Luke records the reaction of the people to the arrival of John, as they were expectantly waiting for the Messiah. John urged repentance, and we are reminded of the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.

Don't forget that the church welcomes you for reconciliation on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am and again from 6pm to 6.45pm in the evening. Advent is an excellent opportunity to think again about our engagement with this sacrament.

Carols by Candlelight

This newsletter is being prepared before our Carol Concert this evening. I am sure that it will be a joyous celebration for all of us and help everyone to prepare for Christmas.

Disco evenings

The children had such fun on Monday and Tuesday evening. Thank-you to the parents who helped with refreshments. The extra support made the organisation of the evenings much easier for the staff. I think it is important to highlight how brilliantly the children behaved.

Books to Uganda

Following our successful fundraising on 'Disney Day', our books are now on their way to Uganda. The link for the school is below. The Year 6 children are delighted that their hard work organising this has paid off.

We have some additional books (text books and practice books) that will be available outside after school on Monday for parents to collect.

<https://mustardseedschools.com/>

Nativity Play

A final reminder to the parents of Year 4 children that their performance takes place on Tuesday 17th December at **9.30am**. The children have been rehearsing really well and are looking forward to their opportunity to shine.

Christmas Lunch

Mrs Fleming and the Nourish team will be preparing our traditional Christmas feast next Wednesday. Children may wear Christmas jumpers for the day.

Christmas Tree Decoration

Don't forget to buy a template to decorate – 50p at the School Office. We will be judging all the entries next Thursday, so time is running out if you want to take part.

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Change to swimming days

For next week ONLY, the children of Year 5 will have their swimming lesson on Monday, and Year 4 children will go swimming on Tuesday. This is to make space so that everyone can see the Nativity Play.

Advance notice – final day of term

The last day of the Autumn Term is Friday 20th December, when the school will close to children at **2.15pm**. Please make sure that you have noted this earlier finishing time. ***There will be no after-school clubs on the final afternoon.***

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to all the children in Year 3, Kacper in 4D, Carol in 4T, Olivier in 5B, Serah in 5C, Esther in 6G and Victoria in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Kamsiyochi in 6G. The kindness award goes to Williams in 5C and Mary-Michaela in 6P. The swimmer of the week is Njeri in 3E.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

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