



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Number 7
Friday 7th
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2018

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Advent Preparations

As we come to the end of our first week of Advent, we think of how important it is for us to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming and to make a fresh start in our lives.

Heavenly Father, help each of us to make a fresh start this advent; ready to accept the gifts of love, hope, peace and joy that Jesus offers us.



Some of the ways we are preparing for Christmas in school:

- Advent Reconciliation services
- Collective worships help us reflect on our personal preparations
- Carol Services
- Bringing home the Travelling Crib – thinking about how we can Live Simply this Christmas and take care of Our World
- Fundraising for Charities – Part of this fundraising will include our Christmas Jumper / clothes Day on Friday 15th December - **£1 per child.**



Catholic Care and SVP Christmas Appeal

for the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our own communities.

They are appealing for:



- Toys / unwrapped presents for children who wouldn't otherwise receive a gift.
- Food and non-perishable items for Food hampers eg tins, pasta, jars and toiletries.

If you wish to support these Appeals please send in your gifts next week.

Class Charities		What doing / When
Reception	St Gemma's Hospice	Children bring in a good quality toy that you no longer need that can be sold in the St Gemma's Shop next week
Year 1		
Year 2	Cafod	Tues 18 th Dec – PJ day / Toy afternoon donate £1 to charity - No electronic games
Year 3	Save the Children	
Year 4	Children's Cancer Ward	
Year 5	Candlelighters	Tues 18 th Dec - Inventing board games / talent show - donate £1 to charity
Year 6	Haemophilia Society	Tues 18 th Dec - Own clothes day / games afternoon donate £1 No electronic games

Enterprise Club - Christmas Competition

Decorate a Christmas Bauble

£1 to enter the competition and you will be given a bauble (plastic) to bring home to decorate. Prizes for the best entry in Key Stage 1 and 2.

All money in a labelled envelope please.

Closing Date: Wednesday 19th December



Dates for your Diary

Year 6 – Robinwood Residential Meeting for parents on **Tuesday 11th December** at 3.15pm in school.

Please ensure all Year 6 children are represented.

12th December – KS1 Nativity play at **1.45pm** (Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2)

12th December – Year 3 & 4 Film Night

13th December – Advent Reconciliation Service in church at 11am – Parents are welcome to join us.

13th December - Year 5&6 Film Night

14th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day.

19th December – End of Term Mass 11am in church – All welcome.

20th December – Christmas Parties (afternoon)

21st December – School closes for the Christmas holidays.

7th January – School reopens after Christmas holidays

10th January – Confirmation Mass at St Patrick's church at 7pm

Lexia Clubs

Morning sessions (8.15-8.40am) ONLY	WB 10.12.18	WB 17.12.18
Tuesday	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Yes	Yes

After School Clubs - Next Week there is ONLY Brass Band & Cookery

All other clubs have finished for this term

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

Early Retirement

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I want to inform you that this will be my last school year at St Patrick's. I have made a decision to take early retirement from August 2019. I have had many blessed and happy years here but feel it is the right time for me and my family to make the change. After the Christmas holidays, the Governors and Diocese will be advertising for the position of Head teacher at St Patrick's to start from September 2019.

We have lots of wonderful things still to do this school year and I am looking forward to sharing them with the school community. I know you will continue to support me in my role as you always have in the past. Thankyou and God bless, Mrs Kneeshaw.

The Governors would like to thank Mrs Kneeshaw for the excellent work she has done during her time as head teacher of St Patrick's and wish her well for her future retirement. We will be working hard in the New Year to find a replacement to take over from September.

Stephen Sadler - Chair of the Governing Body.

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Reading – Please continue to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and sign the homework diary so staff know that they have read that week. It is essential for your child's learning that they read as often as possible.



Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity Play

Wednesday 12th December at 1.45pm

**Entry by ticket only – all children have taken
2 tickets home tonight.**

Carol Service

We had a wonderful start to our Advent celebrations on Monday when Key Stage 2 led a Carol Service in church. Many thanks to all the parents, parish members and governors who joined us for the service. It was a beautiful opportunity for reflection through readings, prayers, dance and song.

Parking – Can I please ask all parents to be **considerate** of others when parking. Take care to only park in allocated spaces and not block spaces or access in for others.



FOSP Christmas Events

Film Night for KS2



Wednesday 12th Dec 5.30-7.30pm – Year 3 & 4

Thursday 13th Dec 5.30-7.30pm – Year 5 & 6

The children can wear PJ's / Onesies or comfortable Christmas clothes - bring a pillow to relax in the hall and watch a movie!

They will get a bag of Popcorn or crisps and drink and at the interval they will be able to have an Ice cream or lolly.



Secret Santa - £2 a gift



This event will happen in school over several days near the end of term. The children who have paid £2 can select a gift for someone at home from a range of presents. Parent volunteers will then help the children to wrap their gift and write a gift tag to take home from school.

Please complete the form below to book a place for your child at one of these events. Please send the form into school with money in a labelled envelope. There won't be tickets for these events as we will have a class list on the door – save printing costs and our environment!

FOSP Christmas Events

Child's Name : _____ **Class:** _____

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I would like to book a place at the FOSP Christmas event for my child's class and enclose £3.

Y3 and Y4 on Wednesday 12th December 5.30-7.30pm

Y5 and Y6 on Thursday 13th December 5.30-7.30pm

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I enclose £2 for my child to wrap a gift at the Secret Santa afternoon. Please indicate if your child is buying more than one Secret Santa - enclose £2 per gift.

Can you help? (Please tick any events where you are able to help)

Parent Name: _____

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Year 3 and 4 –Wednesday 12th December 5.30-7.30pm – supervising children and helping with refreshments etc.

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Year 5 and 6 –Thursday 13th December 5.30-7.30pm – supervising children and helping with refreshments etc.

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Secret Santa – Monday 17th December - helping children with choosing gifts, wrapping etc – please state what time you are available _____am /pm

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Wrapping Christmas presents for Christmas parties – Thursday 13th Dec 8.45am – 11am or 2-3pm (for however long you can stay)

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Uniform Sale – Friday 7th December – help sorting and selling uniform – arrive at 1.30pm please

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