



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

In our belief statement assembly this morning we shared the statement, '**Simple things can make us happy**' at this time of year, with all of the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas it is good to look for pleasure in the everyday things around us.

We have just entered the season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth. At each assembly between now and the end of term you will see the advent candles lit and also the Jesse tree being decorated.

Thank You!

On Friday we had our Christmas Fair and with your help raised over £400 for school funds. Bearing in mind the current economic climate this is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone!

Raffle Prizes

There are several prizes from Friday waiting to be claimed from the office.

Mission Together

Along with the Newsletter today your child will be bringing home a leaflet and a money box from the Mission Together charity. This is a charity in which the aim is for children to help children by collecting any loose change and giving it to the worthwhile cause. If your child can put some change into the money box and then return the money box to school we will ensure that it is given directly to this good cause.

Alternative Christmas Card

Last year we encouraged the staff and children to make a contribution to Bluebell Wood Hospice rather than sending a card to everyone in their class. We will be doing this again this year and any child who wants to buy a star to add to the display can do so and can also add their Christmas message to it.

Christmas Activities As always there are lots of things to look forward to during the final week of term, please put the following in your diary.

Christmas Production - mornings of Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 December at 9.30am

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16 December

Christingle - afternoon of Thursday 17 December

Fr Jackson Assembly - morning of Friday 18 December

Party - afternoon of Friday 18 December

This year's production is going to involve the whole school looking at Christmas around the world. We will be putting it on twice and need to know which performance you would like to attend. Places are limited for each performance and will be given on a first come, first served basis. No ticket, no entry!

RE Inspection

Next week we will welcome Mrs Gill Foster to St Patrick's as she carries out our RE Inspection. This will take place on Wednesday 9 December and the day will begin, at 9am, with an Advent mass lead by Fr Bergin. You are most welcome to join us for this celebration.

Parents' Champion

Last week I mentioned that we had two volunteers for the role of parents' champion, a third person has now added their name to the list. The role of the 'parents champion' is to be a voice of the parents as we address the issues raised by Ofsted. They will be invited to meetings with the local authority, and other visitors to school, and be able to pass on the messages that they hear to the parents in the playground. As we have three volunteers we have decided to allow them all to be 'champions' so that at least one of them will always be at any meeting. The three volunteers are: Sarah Whitehead, our parent governor, Cherry Williams and David Edwards.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16 December. If you would like your child to join in this special meal please let us know by Monday 7 December, so the kitchen has plenty of time to order any extra food. Please send in £1.90 in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name as soon as possible.

Bogus Home Tutoring Alert

We have been made aware today from a school in the Mansfield area, that one of their parents has been contacted by telephone by a company claiming to be providing 'after school tuition'. The company asked for the child's date of birth & parent's bank account details to set up a direct debit. When questioned by the parent the call was ended.

This week's assemblies

You are welcome to join us on Friday for our Special Mention Assembly at 2.30pm.

After School Activities

Wednesday: Homework
Foundation 2 / Key Stage 1 music

Bonus Ball

Please try to pay Cherry by Friday of each week. This is a really useful way of helping to raise funds for school.