



Sacred Heart RC Primary School Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Together we live and learn, we play
and pray.

What a week we have all had! We have been treated to some memorable performances this week from both Reception and Key Stage 1's Nativities. The standard of performances this year has been excellent and my views have been supported by the feedback I have since received from parents. Our school choir have represented Sacred Heart at three carol concerts across the city, as always they were great ambassadors for the school.

Christ Jesus, as Christmas approaches, we look forward joyfully to your coming. Help us to prepare and be ready when you come. Amen

Mr Cooper
Head of School

Weekly Attendance

We have made a good start this year with our attendance. Congratulations to Year 5 for achieving an attendance figure of 96.67% this week! Our overall school attendance this week was 94.56%. Meaning our school attendance so far is 97.15%.

Last Week Information

Just a few reminders about the events taking place next week:-

Monday – Christmas Lunch (bookings are now closed)

Monday – Key Stage 1 and Reception Christmas Party (a flyer with more information has been sent out)

Tuesday – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (a flyer with more information has been sent out)

Wednesday – Christmas Jumper day – 'Save the Children' (a letter with more information has been emailed out)

Wednesday – Dressing of the Crib – (See below)

Christmas Fayre

On Friday 9th December the Sacred Heart community came together to begin our Christmas celebrations; thanks to FOSH for putting on another super Christmas Fayre. With a great variety of games, stalls, craft activities and Father Christmas making a special appearance. I am sure everyone will join me in saying a big thank you to all of FOSH and finally, thank you to all parents for supporting the event, as over £800 was raised.

Reception Nativity – 'A Miracle in Town'

On Tuesday afternoon Reception set foot on the stage for the first time. After only 2 weeks of rehearsals the children put on an amazing performance. We are so proud of how far they've come in such a short space of time and how confident and professional they were. They knew their parts so well (thanks for your help!) which made the play so fantastic. Thank you for your enthusiastic feedback, we know that they also made you very proud.



KS1 Nativity- 'Straw and Order'

This week Key Stage One performed their nativity play 'Straw and Order'. They worked so hard to learn their lines, learn their song words and remember what to do at the correct times as well as some great dance moves! We were so proud of the quality of the performance. What a great way to start the festive season and remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. Well done children!



School Choir

Christmas always presents itself as an exciting time for our school choir and we have been very pleased to be invited to so many events showcasing our talented members.

Our events began with the Cresset Day Care carol singing. We were made very welcome and entertained the residents with popular festive songs such as "Jingle Bells" mixed with our more traditional Carols. The choir went over in two groups and made a fantastic sound! Well done also to our musicians Gabriella and Oliwier who accompanied the choir.

On Wednesday, we attended the Catholic School's Carol Service at St John Fisher School. This is a service that brings together our Catholic community from St Thomas More, Saint John Fisher and All Saints School in March. Together, over 100 children sang Carols and offered a musical contribution. A thank you especially to the staff at St Thomas More who fed the children fish and chips for their tea in between rehearsals!

Thursday afternoon saw our annual invitation to the Cavell Centre Carol service. The children joined the hospital Maple singers and the Salvation Army brass band to sing Carols and our own "Christ is King" and the "Caribbean Carol". The children gained lots of applause and it is perhaps credit to them that as soon as I check my emails at home after the service we have already been invited to attend next year!

Thursday evening (yes the same day!), our choir gathered at Jack Hunt school for their annual Christmas concert. The choir, well practised with performing did their best concert yet. All children sang with great enthusiasm and lots of smiles. They were then entertained with a wonderful concert from Jack Hunt students showcasing their own choir, band, string woodwind and brass groups. I would like to extend my thanks to all parents and staff for supporting our choir at this busy time! It is always a joy to take such well behaved children on outings to represent our school. They too deserve our congratulations for all their hard work at choir rehearsals and enthusiasm in performing.



Dressing the Crib - Wednesday 21 December at 1.30pm

As we come towards the end of our Advent preparations and the beginning of Christmas time we want to celebrate this event by introducing a new service to mark the end of term, and everyone is invited to take part. The Dressing of the Crib will involve the School Council carrying the nativity figures to the crib and singing Christmas carols, and all of us singing popular Christmas songs. We would also like to invite any child(ren), parent or adult to get involved by singing or playing a song. However, to play something we require you to be at least at Grade 2 standard. So if you or your child would like to perform at this please let the school know on Monday. The last day of term will be very exciting for the children so why don't you take this opportunity to join in the festivities.

Christmas candle

On Wednesday the children will all be bringing home a small candle to light on Christmas day. The intention of this is to spiritually bring the school community together. The children have been preparing all through Advent and as we cannot come together for this important and joyous time of the year we can celebrate the birth of Jesus by lighting a candle at the dinner table. Therefore, once all the hustle and bustle of the opening of presents has finished and before you start your Christmas meal, please invite your child to lead the family in prayer by lighting the tea light and saying the school candle prayer. This will allow us all to pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Happy birthday Jesus!

Winter Outdoor Play

Can we remind you that if your child wants to continue playing on the field at break and lunchtimes you should send them with some named old tracksuit bottoms and wellies (in a bag) so that they do not get their uniform muddy in wet weather. They will not be permitted onto the field without them.

On behalf of Dolce – our Catering company

Dolce currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Server/General Assistant. Full training and uniform supplied and a DBS check will be undertaken by Dolce. Hours are 11.30am – 1.00pm but may be increased. If you are interested in joining the team please call Jane on 07393 014875.

St Felix Seniors Group

For your information there is a seniors group that meets Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm-4.30pm in the hall. All senior citizens are welcome.

Parent and toddler group at St Oswald's

For your information there is a parent and toddler group that meet every Wednesday morning from 10.30am at St Oswald's church hall. – **Toddler group will take a 2 week break and will not meet on 21st or 28th December. It will resume in the New Year on Wed 4th January 2017.**

School Notice Boards

Please look out on our school notice boards for the latest FOSH minutes, governor minutes, weekly newsletter and general school updates.

Ofsted Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching to behaviour. A screencast demonstrating how to register and complete a survey on Parent View is available on the website www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk By sharing your views, you'll be helping us to further improve as a school.

Autumn Term Dates - 2016

19-12-16	Christmas Lunch
19-12-16	KS1 Christmas Party
20-12-16	KS2 Christmas Party
21-12-16	Christmas Jumper Day
21-12-16	Last Day

4-1-17 Children return to school