

We learn and pray, in faith and love



1.12.2023

As we start the Advent season, school is in full swing with rehearsals for the Nativities and Carol Concerts ringing out throughout the building. We look forward to seeing you at the many events that will take place over the next two weeks.



Reception and KS1 Nativity Tickets

Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity tickets are now available from the school office. Two tickets will be allocated per family. Any spare tickets will be available the day before the performance from the school office.

Reception Nativity - Wednesday 13th December 9.30am

KS1 Nativity (Years 1 & 2) - Tuesday 5th December 9.30am and 2.30pm

Dates for the Diary

Dates have been set for our many Christmas activities and they are as follows:

Tuesday 5 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 9.30am/ 2.30pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert 4.30pm in church. Children will stay in school and teachers will walk them to church
Thursday 7 th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert 4.30pm in church. Children will stay in school and teachers will walk them to church
Tuesday 12 th December	Nursery Sing along 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	School Fair 3.30pm
Friday 15 th December	Pantomime Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day/ PJ Day £1 donation to Ronald McDonald House
Wednesday 20 th December	Break up at 1.30pm

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday 19th December.**

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner, you can book online using the Christmas Dinner Form or you can call into the school office to reserve your school meal at a cost of £2.55 per child unless your child is eligible for free school meals.

The last day to book this is **Friday 8th December** as the kitchen need to place the food order that evening. Without pre-booking, your child will not be able to have a Christmas Dinner.

If your child is already having school dinners, you do not need to book a Christmas dinner

Pantomimes

Messages have been sent to all families regarding the Pantomimes but, in summary, the details are as follows:

Year 1 - Year 6:

Years 1 to 6 will be visiting Stockport Plaza Theatre on Friday 15th December 2023 to watch a performance pantomime of 'Peter Pan.' After a generous contribution from the school, the cost of the visit is £15 per child. The money can be paid to the office or on School Money by Monday 1st December 2023. If paying at the office, please can the correct amount be placed in a green envelope noting your child's name and class, as it will be difficult to give change given the large numbers.

Nursery and Reception:

Nursery and Reception are having a visit from a theatre company on Friday 15th December 2023. All the children in Nursery and Reception will have the opportunity to watch a pantomime performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk." After a generous contribution from the school, the cost of the visit is £7 per child. The money can be paid to the office or on School Money by Friday 1st December 2023. If paying at the office, please can the correct amount be placed in a green envelope noting your child's name and class as it will be difficult to give change given the large numbers

Advent Acts of Kindness

In school throughout Advent, we think about alternative ways to show our appreciation for one another. Several years ago, we stopped sharing Christmas cards and thought, instead, of different ways to make Advent special. This year, the children decided that they would like to share random acts of kindness with each other. The teaching team agreed that this was a wonderful, environmentally friendly, idea that ensures no child is left out.

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Caritas in Action Award

This week, our Caritas in Action Award has been given to Mrs McCormack for her amazing fundraising activity in aid of Wood Street Mission. This clearly demonstrates the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Family and Community.



Collective Worship for families

Please find below, the link to this week's Collective Worship newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Right of the Week

Article 13 Freedom of Expression

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Zones of Regulation Coffee Morning

Thank you to those families who attended the coffee morning hosted by Mrs Malone. Zones of Regulation are used throughout our school and it is great when we can share this best practice with families.



Manchester Sings

This week, members of our choir took part in Manchester Sings which is run by Withington Girls School. Our school joined a mass choir of seven local primary schools and a secondary school to perform a series of songs about the changing seasons and our planet. Chalice had her poem chosen as part of a competition and George was chosen to have his photo shown during the service. We enjoyed being part of the Manchester Community and performing in the beautiful Cathedral.

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A Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I trust everyone is well and being kind to each other! Well the freezing weather certainly has arrived this weekend just as December is here. This weekend is the first week of Advent. Now we truly can begin our preparations for Christmas! With the Christmas tree and the Christmas lights and the Advent wreath; all special ways of preparation. We are all, in class, in school, in our homes and in our church, finding special ways of preparing for the celebration of the birth of the Son of God. We sing Carols and we light candles to echo the message of scripture; "prepare the way of the Lord." This week, we will celebrate our carols in church on Wednesday and Thursday evening in a beautiful way. So, let us live each day in this way, to welcome and accept God into our homes, our hearts, our lives. Have a great (and warm) weekend.

St Kentigern, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

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Headteacher