

We learn and pray, in faith and love



St Kentigern's
R.C Primary School

8.12.2023



Dates for the Diary

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 - Tickets available from the school office.
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.** The deadline for ordering a Christmas dinner for your child has now passed so if you have not already ordered a school dinner, please make sure that you send a packed lunch in with your child.

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

Key Stage 1 Nativity

This week, our Key Stage 1 children delighted us with their Nativity performance. Year 2 led the way, acting out the Christmas story in the most wonderful manner. Year 1 supported the entire event with their amazing singing. Thank you to all the families who helped to prepare the children and who attended their performances. Thank you, also, to our wonderful Key Stage 1 team who worked incredibly hard. I have passed on your kind comments to the team; your recognition of their commitment to the children means a great deal to them.



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Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts

Our Key Stage 2 children performed their carol concerts in church this week with great reverence and respect. Their songs and readings reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. A special thanks Mary Daly, Evelyn Daly, Jacinta Woods and Patricia Sullivan who represented the parish in our service and to Fr. Michael for his support with both concerts. Thank you, also, to the many families who supported the children with this event. It was wonderful to see the church so full!



Caritas in Action Award

This week, our Caritas in Action Award has been given to members of our Year 6 classes who volunteered to sing at the Loreto joint schools' choir concert this week. Not only did they sing magnificently, but they also give their time to attend the evening performance. I would also like to include within this award, the families of those who attended with the children. Without their support, the children would not have been able to participate or demonstrate the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Family and Community.



WONDE Payments

For those eligible parents, Wonde vouchers will be released on 15th December. Please note that any issues with the vouchers need to be addressed with Wonde directly.

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 14 Freedom of Thought and Religion

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Advent Acts of Kindness

As you know, instead of sharing Christmas cards, the children have been showing acts of kindness to each other and to the school team. Amongst the many wonderful examples this week are the following: Keane took off his gloves and gave them to Mrs Scott so that the spikey holly leaves wouldn't hurt her hands; John offered to share his carol service snacks with other children who didn't have any; Brodey volunteered to step in at the carol concert even though he was very nervous to do so; Amelia was a kind friend to a child who struggled to remember where their place was in the Nativity. The kindness and care showed by our children is exceptional.

A Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I'm sure everyone is beginning to think about Christmas! But before we go there, let us offer the Advent prayer, a prayer that we have brilliantly celebrated this week in church. The School children singing our faith story with Christmas Carols is the epitome of Advent. "As we wait in joyful hope" is said every day in Mass is what we are asked to think in Advent and was the message the children sang at the Carol concerts. So, let us keep the Advent prayer and wait in joyful hope, it's not Christmas yet but it soon will be. Let us prepare, let us be ready. Let us be kind and merciful and faithful! Have a great weekend.

St Kentigern, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

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Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher