



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to our School Mass at the Annunciation last week. Special thanks to the children who read and sang so beautifully.

Well done to the Year 6 and 5 Chaplaincy team, who worked with Mrs Short to make a fabulous Advent wreath, which we will use in our liturgies for the next two weeks.



### Christmas raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Christmas raffle – we really do have an amazing array of fantastic prizes! You should have received a separate email yesterday – tickets are now available to buy on WisePay – 50p per number. Please note, we won't be sending tickets home for this, but rest assured if you purchase via WisePay your ticket will go into the draw! We will draw the raffle on Party Day – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – and will let the winners know after that. Many thanks for all your support with this.

### Staffing news

Miss Dare has decided to have a break from teaching, and will be leaving us at Christmas. I'm sure you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work and commitment to our school family. After Christmas, 5RD will be taught by Miss J Cleall- we look forward to welcoming her!

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR CHILDREN ON MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.**

### Reception and Year 1 & 2 Performances

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to the Reception and Year 1 & 2 plays next week. Please avoid bringing pre-school children with you – if you have no option but to do so they will need to count as one of your three, even if they sit on your lap. If you only need one or two of your tickets, please return any spares to the office and we can redistribute them. Thanks. The children and staff have been working very hard – I am sure you are going to enjoy it!

### Year 4 Advent Service

Year 4 have been working hard to prepare their Advent Service, which will be taking place in the Annunciation church on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Please don't forget that there is a practice at the church that morning, and your child should be dropped off at the Annunciation at 8.50am, rather than coming into school.

### Christmas cards

Our Christmas 'postal' service is now open! If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends, they can put them in our post box and they will be delivered. Please put the class or year group on to help the posties! Don't forget – no chocolate or sweets in the envelopes please.

### A message from the Annunciation Parish

We would like to invite you to a special Christmas Carol at the Annunciation Church on 29th December 7pm. Please join our Choralists and Youth Ensemble, who will sing in English, Spanish and African languages. Songs sheet for audience participation and mince pies and mulled wine provided! Voluntary contributions of £5 towards church funds (cash or card) Everyone welcome!

### Christmas Fun Night

Don't forget to buy a ticket for your child to attend our fun night on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December from 4.00pm till 5.30pm (KS1) or 4.00pm to 5.45pm (KS2). The children can come back to school in their PJs or Christmas jumpers, and have fun with their classmates watching a Christmas film or being entertained. We do hope you will be able to support us with this fundraising event; I am grateful to the school staff who are giving up their evening to run this for the children.

**Please can you purchase tickets by 9.00am on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December so we can be sure we have enough sweets and drinks!**

### Pantomime

Well done to Maggie and Elsie who will be performing in Snow White at the Pavilion – starting with the opening night this Saturday! They have both been working very hard and we are very proud of them – what a great achievement! I hope some of you will get to see them in the show!



### Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for your donations to the Poppy Appeal – we raised £171.41!

Well done to the following children who have been chosen by their classmates as showing our Mission statement value of 'Welcoming all': 1WH; Camille; 1JC: Freddie; 2ML: Sophie; 2NW; Arya; 3NL: Lenna; 3BM: Hanna; 4CR: Poppy; 4CY Ollie; 5RD: Sam; 5RH: Rosie; 6KB: Nell; 6PM: Chloe E.

### Stars of the Week:

#### Super Role Model:

RP: Rosealie; RJ: Kai; 1JC: Daniel; 1WH: Emmanuel; 2NW: Evelyn; 2ML: Jessica; 3BM: Lola; 3NL: Lola; 4CY: Lily; 4CR: Joao-Luca; 5RD: Marcel & Pierre; 5RH: Mila; 6KB; Alex; 6PM: Natalia.

#### Learning Champion:

RP: Ayla; RJ: Lilly; 1JC: Luke; 1WH: Maja; 2NW: Harley; 2ML: Lillie; 3BM: Zak; 3NL: Isie; 4CY: Luke; 4CR: Cillian; 5RD: Aaron & Stanley; 5RH: Elise; 6KB: Leo; 6PM: Gloria.

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Staff training day – School closed for children
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Reception performance A-G
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 performance A-E
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4 - 5.30pm 4 – 5.45pm	Christmas fun night KS1 Christmas fun night KS2
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Reception performance H – Z
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 performance F – M
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 performance N-Z
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Year 4 Advent Service at the Annunciation
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Christmas party day
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.00-5.45	Year 3 and 4 Disco
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00-6.45	Year 5 and 6 Disco
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.50pm	End of term – Christmas Jumper Day

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

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