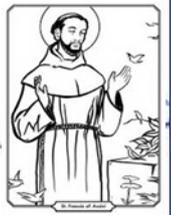




St. Francis Catholic Primary School



December 2019

N 'I am a sign of God's love'

CATHOLIC LIFE

Dear Parents,

As we come towards the end of another term, we remember the true meaning for the season of Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Next week we look forward to having our own Bambinelli's blessed at our Christmas Mass and the children look forward to sharing their own Baby Jesus with their family and friends over Christmas.

Next week we will be enjoying our Excitable Edgar Week (based on the John Lewis advert) and linking it to our Gospel Value and Virtues and our Northern Star. This will culminate into a Excitable Edgar Day on Thursday 19th December.

This coincides with our Christmas Fayre Day so we ask that children come dressed as a dragon, a character from the advert or in mufti for this celebration.

Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home is an appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet." We all need to ask ourselves how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. As a school, next week we will also be replanting our class Christmas trees in the hope that they will be used in school next Christmas. For every tree that we have used in school we will also replant a new tree. Together every time we help 'Our Common Home' we are helping to protect our planet for our children and future generations to come.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas to you and your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming all children back on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 8:40am.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



POLITE REMINDER

FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

This is a Zero Tolerance school.

Any abusive incidents from Parents or Visitors could result in prosecution.

Everyone should be treated with respect.



Christmas performances

Tickets are on sale at £1 each for all of the

KS2	Fri 13 Dec	2:00 pm	In Church
Nursery and Reception	Tues 17 Dec	10.45 am	In school
KS1	Tues 17 Dec	2:00 pm or	In school
	Wed 18 Dec	10:00 am	In school

Christmas performances this year.



"The Year 6 pupils and Staff had a faith-filled retreat at Alton Castle, focussing on the Virtues and Values of Discipleship. They participated in a range of activities: cycling, rock climbing, trekking, survival and many more. The staff would like to thank our wonderful pupils for their impeccable behaviour throughout."



ALTON CASTLE - 2019

Newsletters

Christmas Fayre

We have begun to prepare for our Christmas celebrations, please can you help! Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 19th December from 3:30—5 pm. If anyone would like to help at the fayre please can you leave your name and contact details at the school office, or speak to one of the members of the PTA who are usually in the school playground at home-time.

Raffle Tickets:
Each family has been sent 1 book of raffle tickets which are 50p per ticket. If you would like more books they are available from the school office. All unsold tickets/books should be returned to school as soon as possible.

Tickets to see Santa:
The PTA have been told Santa will be visiting our Christmas Fayre this year. As always we expect him to be popular with the children therefore visits to see Santa will be by ticket only. Tickets are now on sale in the school playground @ £2 per child.

Mufti day—Thursday 19 December
On the day of the Christmas Fayre we will be asking for donations of cakes or £1 in exchange for your child to wear their own clothes. Please can you check the best before date of any cakes that are donated to be sold at the Christmas Fayre.



Following the Fundraising days for Acorns Children's Hospice, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Solving Kids Cancer, including wear pink for Isabella we are very proud to let you know the total we raised for these Charities was **£1,648.51**. Letters accompanying the donations thanked the Charities for the support and care they gave to Isabella and her family and also for all they do.

We have also raised funds for Father Hudson's house, CAFOD, Young Minds & Little Sister's of the Poor.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**
Parents will be fined for late collection of children.

At the end of this term, Friday 20th December school will close before lunch at 12.30 pm.

There will be no school meals or Simply out of School After School Club on this day.

Please allow enough time for traffic or late buses etc.

December St Francis of Assisi, Sheffield		
24th	Carols Christmas Mass	6:30 pm 7:00pm
25th	Christmas day Mass	10:00 am
26th	Mass of St Stephen	11:00 am
28th	Mass	7:00 pm
29th	Mass	11:00 am
January		
1st	Mass	11:00 am
4th	Mass	7:00 pm
5th	Mass	11:00 am
11th	Mass	7:00 pm
12th	Mass	11:00 am



Reminder: Be on time for 5 to 9

The school office opens at 8:30 am. Parents and children should not be in the office reception area unless they have an appointment or need to speak to a member of the school office. You are welcome to use the Gazebo on the school playground if you arrive before it is time for the children to go into their class.



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Sickness & Diarrhoea

Please may we remind you children must not return to school until **48 hours clear after** the last time they have vomited or had diarrhoea.

How good is your attendance?

Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.



It is with the greatest of pleasure I can report how proud I am to have such supportive families in our school community. Thank you all again for your generosity, it is especially at this time of year we remember those less fortunate than ourselves. During this season of Goodwill may we all continue to be kind.

Miss D Richards