



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Here we are at the end of our first term. It has been a long term and the children have been a credit throughout it. No matter what we ask of them whether it is with their work or taking on extra responsibility around school they do it to the best of their ability and more importantly with a smile on their face. I know Santa will be visiting each one of them this Christmas!!

This week is a very busy one with lots happening in school so please read on and make a note of days and times of the different events. It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Moore will be leaving us at the end of this week. She is certainly one half of the office dream team and will be missed by children, staff, parents and governors. We wish her well in her new adventure. An advertisement has been released and we hope to interview in the New Year.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

"May Christ's love guide our steps."



ADVENT WREATH SERVICE

Year 3 and 4 are working hard to lead us in prayer, reflection and song during our Advent Wreath Service in church. This will take place on Friday 21st December beginning at 2:00pm. Parents will be able to take their child home straight afterwards.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The programme commences for all children on Thursday 10th January between 3:45 and 4:45pm. Parents are welcome to stay and support their children. Following our meeting for parents we still have over twenty families who have requested the 11:15am Mass even though Father Paul said at the meeting we can have a maximum of 13 at each Mass. This is due to fire regulations and to accommodate the parish who normally attend this Mass. If you have requested 11:15am Mass please could you reconsider one of the alternative Masses – 6:30pm on Saturday night or 9:30am on Sunday and either let myself or Father Paul know.

THE PUPILS, STAFF AND GOVERNORS WISH YOU ALL A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Daily Breakfast Club 8-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	Koala Klubs: Cooking Club (Whole School)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition Y4, 5 & 6 Dodgeball (Year 1,2 and 3)	Afternoon 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition, Y1, 2 & 3 Recorders/Keyboard/Choir Koala Klubs: Magic Club (Whole school) Football (Year 4,5 and 6)	Afternoon All Day 3:15 - 4:30 3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	Koala Klubs: Krazy Science (Whole School)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast C	Koala Klubs; Gym (Whole School)	3:15-4:30

EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY

Nursery and Reception children will perform their Christmas Play to families on Tuesday 18th December. There will be two performances – beginning at 10am and 1:30pm. All children in Year 1 and 2 will be part of the choir. Families of all children are welcome to join us.



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
03.09.18	4th September: INSET Day 5th Sept: School opens to pupils		
10.09.18			EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
17.09.18	18.09.18: Photographs 23.09.18: Family Mass 11:15am	19.09.18: Whole School Mass in church at 9:15am Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	17.09.18: N-Y5 Meet the Teacher 3:15-3:45pm 17.09.18: Y6 Information Meeting 6pm 20.09.18: Information evening regarding Hathersage
24.09.18	26.09.18: International Day	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
01.10.18	01.10.18: INSET DAY (School closed for pupils)	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm 05.10.18: Year 6 Assembly 9:15am.	
08.10.18			
15.10.18	15.10 -17.10.18: Residential Year 3&4 18.10.18: Theatre Company in school	17.10.18: Harvest Mass in school 9:15am	
22.10.18			25.10.18: Parents Meetings 1:00pm – 6:00pm
	HALF TERM	29.10.18– 02.11.18	
05.11.18		Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm 09.11.18: Remembrance Day Liturgy	
12.11.18	Judaism Week 12.11.18: Parish Mass Year 1 & 6	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm	
19.11.18	19.11.18: Parish Mass Year 2 & 5	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm 23.11.18: Year 3 Assembly 2:30pm	
26.11.18	26.11.18: Parish Mass Year 3 & 4 30.11.18: INSET DAY (School closed for pupils)	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
03.12.18	05.12.18-07.12.18: Year 6 Briars residential	03.12.18 Advent Service of Reconciliation Year 4-6 Thursday: Advent Liturgy 2:30pm	Christmas Market 5pm – 8pm at The Becket School
10.12.18		Thursday: Advent Liturgy 2:30pm	12.12.18: Primary Music Concert at The Becket School 14.12.18: Christmas Fayre
17.12.18	18.12.18: Foundation Nativity 10am & 1:30pm 20.12.18: Christmas Dinner	21.12.18: Advent Wreath Service in Church	

PUPIL VOICE

Our choir have been extremely busy over the last week. Children from Year 4, 5 and 6 sang beautifully at The Becket Primary Festival last Wednesday. Their behaviour was impeccable and they all represented our school so well. We also had twenty children who joined us for the parish Carol Service yesterday and again performed superbly. A huge thank you to families for taking the time out to support us with your attendance or by dropping off and picking up so promptly. I appreciate it is such a busy time of the year for you all.

On Friday we will be having our Achiever's Assembly where each teacher will nominate a member of their class who has stood out. This may be for showing an excellent attitude towards their learning, for making excellent progress in a particular curriculum area, for being a good friend to all, for wonderful behaviour and manners or a combination of all of these. I will inform you of our winners in our newsletter in the New Year.

During this Assembly we will also be announcing the winning house for this half term who will in return win a treat for their efforts this half term. Finally during this Assembly I will be announcing all the names of the children who have 100% attendance for this term.



Parish Notices

For those who have died: We remember those who have died in our prayers; Carl Waldron and John (Jack) McKinley. Jack's funeral Mass will be at Our Lady and St Edward Church on Friday 28th December at 10.15am. May they rest in peace.

Leaflet for Advent and Christmas: Our leaflet for Advent and Christmas is available from the back of church, with details of dates and times of Masses, Services and special events here at Our Lady & St Edward's church and in our local schools. Please take a leaflet home with you and share one with a neighbour who you think might be interested in knowing more about our Advent and Christmas celebrations.

The Live Simply Campaign: In the Repository Shop at Church there are some FAIRTRADE Christmas Cards for sale and some children's Nativity Activity Books. In the foyer you'll find a booking form for you to order TRADecraft Christmas items; nativity sets, advent candles and Advent calendars. These need to be ordered as soon as possible. The CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue is available for you to collect and order direct from CAFOD (by December 14th) for unusual gifts which will help provide a gift for someone in a poorer part of the world.

Christmas Red Box Appeal: The Red Box will make its appearance during Advent so that you can contribute toys, games etc for the SVP to distribute to children and their families who need our help. All items need to be in new or excellent condition. The Red Box will be available for the first 2 Sundays in Advent (2nd & 9th December). On the 3rd Sunday (16th December), we are looking for gifts for the homeless who visit Emmanuel House. They need items like gloves, hats, socks, underwear, toiletries and little Christmas treats – chocolate and biscuits. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

St Paul's Missals: A limited number of St Paul's Missals are for sale containing the readings and prayers for all Sundays and Holydays throughout 2019. Priced at just £5.95, get yours now!

Taizé Evening: On Thursday 20th December at 7pm there will be an evening of prayer and Taizé music at St Edward's church. Everyone is welcome.

Vacancies: The directors of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust are seeking to appoint 3 lay chaplains. For further information on these vacancies please visit their website www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk

Nativity Concert: The children at Our Lady and St Edward School will be leading us in the annual Nativity Concert (in school) on Tuesday 18 December at 10am and repeated again at 1:30pm.

Christmas Collection: There will be a Christmas collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This collection does not go to the parish clergy. If you wish to give a gift to the clergy, please put it in an envelope with their name on the front. Fr Paul, Fr Jonathan and Deacon Paul are grateful for your support and kindness.

Deanery Services of Reconciliation: Services of Reconciliation are available this week at 7.30pm at the following churches:

- Monday 17th at Holy Spirit, West Bridgford,
- Tuesday 18th at St Ann's, Radcliffe,
- Wednesday 19th at Sacred Heart, Carlton

There is also the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady & St Edward's on the Saturday's from 10.30am to 11am and 5.45pm to 6.15pm.

Children's Liturgy – Sunday 11.15am Mass: We are desperately looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy at the 11.15am Mass on Sundays. It means looking at the Gospel reading with the children and helping them understand what the Word of God means. If you feel skilled in this area, or would like to help, please have a word with Ivor Morris or one of the priests. Your commitment would mean you lead the session once every 4 or 5 weeks. Training and support will be given. Thank you.

We need counters for the collection: The Parish Finance committee are asking for more volunteers to count the collections after the Sunday Masses. At present, 2 people count the collections on a Sunday, 5 or 6 times a year, but in order to safeguard ourselves, we are now looking to have 3 counters at a time. It takes under an hour to do, and no previous knowledge is required. If you can commit to helping us, have a word with Cath Legan, Peter Murray, Clare Soar or one of the priests. Thank you.

'Let it be': 'Let it be' is an exploration of Mary the Mother of Jesus, past and present. Saturday morning's in the Friary continuing this Saturday 16th December, 11am-12.30pm. All are welcome.

Advent wreath service: Join the school children in church on Friday 21st December at 2pm for their Advent wreath service. It's a lovely way to help us focus on the real meaning of Christmas and our preparing to welcome Jesus into our lives in a very special way for Christmas.

Crib collection: This year our crib collection will go towards helping the work of 'Faith in Families'. When you come to say a prayer at the crib, remember those children who are in care or being looked after. If you can help support them with an offering please place it in the box provided by the crib.



CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DISCO THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2018

On Thursday we will be having our Christmas dinner in school. If your child normally stays for sandwiches and would like to have Christmas dinner instead then please speak to Mrs Barfield in the office.



In the afternoon we will be having our traditional Christmas disco. These will all take place within the school day. We will be selling treat bags which will have a drink, packet of crisps and some sweets in and will cost 50p. We have also decided that Thursday will be a non-uniform day so please come dressed in your festive / party clothes.

BOOK WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week we are having a whole school Book Week with a Christmas theme – The dinosaur that pooped Christmas. We are having a whole school science investigation to find out which materials are best for protecting dinosaur eggs from breaking?

On Wednesday we are having a house competition where each house will design a Christmas jumper for the dinosaur, decorate a dinosaur egg, build a nest to protect the egg and create a rap to retell the story. The winner of each activity will win a bonus 100 points for their house.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We celebrated a lovely festive afternoon on Friday at our Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see so many family members join us and enjoy the festivities with their children. It was made extra special with a special visit from Santa too.

After costs have been taken out we have raised approximately £1,000 but will give you a final figure in the New Year. This money will go towards developing the plot of land between school and church and links in nicely with our live Simply Award.

Many thanks to all the parents who gave up their time to help on stalls. And finally a very special thank you to Mrs Astley and Mrs White for their hard work behind the scenes leading up to the afternoon.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 17th December Advent Feria	8am 9am	Exposition MASS The People of the Parish
Tuesday 18th December Advent Feria	7pm	MASS Jimmy McManamon RIP
Wednesday 19th December Advent Feria	8am 9am	Exposition MASS Caroline, Vince and Ellen Smith
Thursday 20th December Advent Feria	8 am 9 am	Exposition MASS Anna Khuong Thi Le
Friday 21st December Advent Feria	8 am 9 am	Exposition MASS Sebastian Wragg and Michael Rahilly
Saturday 22nd December Advent Feria	10 am 10.30-11am 5.45 -6.15 pm 6.30 pm	MASS Delia Keating RIP Exposition Exposition VIGIL MASS Edward Kelly RIP
Sunday 23rd December 4th Sunday of Advent	9:30am 11:15am	MASS The People of the Parish MASS Anna Khuong Thi Le and Peter Quang Tran RIP

CLASS LISTS FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have had a number of parents who have asked class teachers or at the office for a class list of children's names so they can write Christmas cards with their children.

When GDPR came into force in May the information we store for children falls into two categories personal and sensitive data. As a result, with GDPR compliance, we are unable to share this information with other people without consent being given.

I appreciate children like to send Christmas cards to all of their friends in class but this is not an expectation from school so if your child doesn't remember to give a child in their class a card please reassure them it is okay.

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