



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

There is a very busy week ahead in school.

On Tuesday Year 3 and 4 children are performing at The Good Shepherd Church. The children have worked so hard to prepare for this and it will be a lovely celebration. If you are not attending, please ensure you are ready to pick your child up promptly at 7pm.

On Wednesday children in Year 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Advent is a season to prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas and this is a wonderful opportunity to think about those little mistakes we have made and show we are sorry.

It is Christmas Jumper Day on Friday when we have our Christmas Fayre. This begins at 1:15pm and all families are welcome to join us. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help in any way. It is much appreciated.

Our third INSET of this year is Friday 22nd December 2023. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

DAART GRADUATION

Over the past ten weeks our year 5 children have been taken part in weekly DAART sessions. This is a new programme that has replaced DARE – it stands for Drug, Awareness and Resilience Training. The children have worked with an experienced DAART officer covering a range of life skills.

Key topics have included:

- Illegal and legal drugs including alcohol, tobacco, solvents, prescription drugs.
- Hate crime covering difference, prejudice and respect
- Knife crime includes the law, safety and risks and consequences

Overarching themes included:

- Responsibility, Stress, Confident communication, Resistance strategies, Pressure and peer pressure, Becoming a good citizen, Where to get help.

It's time to graduate!

Thursday 7th December

10.30am

All Year 5 Parents welcome

WORD OF THE WEEK- Hope



Hope is an expectation and desire for the things that are to come in the future. It is a powerful virtue that can help us to persevere through difficult times. In the season of Advent, we hope for the coming of Jesus and that he will bring peace, joy and love to the world. Think of a reason that you have to be hopeful. Share that hope with someone this week.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Gymnastics (Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	All day 3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball (Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3.30-5.30

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child is baptised Catholic and in Year three or above and has not yet received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion there is some information available about the programme which will commence in January for children and families. Forms to enrol on this preparation are available from the sacristy at each church after Mass. **They must be returned by 17th December. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted. They must be returned to the parish, not school.**



ATTENDANCE

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

Whole school attendance last week including Nursery was 94%

The winners of last week's attendance was Year 2 with 97.5%
Well Done Year 2!

Years 4 & 5 came a close second with 96.8%. Let's see if we can reach 100% this week?

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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
04.09.23	05.09.23/06.09.23: INSET Day 06.09.23: School opens to pupils	06.09.23 Whole School Assembly	TB Sport Wrap Around Care begins
11.09.23	13 th – 15 th Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4	13.09.23 Welcome Mass led by Year 6. 9:15am in school 14.09.23 Year 6 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 15.09.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	TB Sports Extra Curricular starts
18.09.23	22.09.23: International Day of languages	18.09.23 Whole School Assembly 20.09.23 Choir begins for Year 3 and 4 21.09.23 Year 5 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 22.09.23 International Day Assembly 2:30pm	18.9.23 Meet the Teacher 3.20-3.45pm 19.09.23 Year 6 information evening here at school 6pm 20.09.23 Year 6 Open evening at The Becket 6pm and 7.15pm
25.09.23		25.09.23 Whole School Assembly 28.09.23 SEN Coffee Morning 9.30-11am 28.09.23 Year 4 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 30.09.23 St Therese of Liseux Feast Day- Assembly	
02.10.23	06.10.23 World Mental Health Day	04.10.23 St Francis Feast Day Hub Mass 05.10.23 Year 3 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 06.10.23 World Mental Health Day	Parents Coffee afternoon 2.15pm
09.10.23		11.10.23 Harvest Liturgy led by Year 5, 2:30pm 12.10.23 Year 2 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 13.10.23 Feast of St Edward Mass in church 9:15am	09.10.23 Teacher – Parents meetings 1:00pm-6:30pm
16.10.23		16.10.23 Whole School Assembly 19.10.23 Year 1 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 20.10.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
23.10.23	HALF TERM		
30.10.23	HALF TERM		
06.11.23		06.11.23 Whole School Assembly linked to Anti-Bullying 10.11.23: Remembrance Day 10.40am	
13.11.23		13.11.23 Whole School Assembly 17.11.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
20.11.23		20.11.23 Whole School Assembly 24.11.23 Judaism Assembly 2.30pm	
27.11.23		27.11.23 Whole School Assembly 01.12.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
04.12.23	08.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Fayre	04.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 2.30pm 06.12.23 Advent Reconciliation year 4 and 5	
11.12.23		11.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 2.30pm 13.12.23 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm 14.12.23 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9.30am	
18.12.23	20.12.23 Christmas dinner and party afternoon	18.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year 1 and 2 21.12.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards 9.15am 21.12.23 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4 2pm	22.12.23 INSET DAY



PARISH NOTICES:

Advent and Christmas in Holy Family Parish – For service times take a leaflet from church or visit our website. Give one to your family and friends and ask them to come along.

Last call!!! Forms for Confirmation preparation and 1st Holy Communion programme **MUST** be in by the 17th December. They are available at the back of church and need to be returned to church by the 17th. No forms received after this date will be accepted.

Synod – what's been happening? Over the past couple of months, Pope Francis has been meeting in Rome with Synod delegates from all over the world to look at what parishes like ours have been saying as part of the Synod process. There have been questions that the delegates have been considering And we have a chance to think about the same topics. Come along on **Wednesday 6th Dec, 7 – 9pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre** to take part. We will look at the same questions considered in Rome and work in the same way that Francis has led the recent Synod.

Hymn Books: the hymn books at Our Lady & St Edward's and St Augustine's are very tired looking and a bit out of date. We plan to replace them in the next few months with Laudate; this is the best Catholic hymn book on the market and it will mean that we all use the same book across the three churches. **If you would like to dedicate a hymn book for a particular intention, take a green form from the back of church and return it with a donation; suggested amount £10.** The dedication can be in memory of someone who has died or any other prayer intention. It's lovely to open a hymn book and see a prayer request. There will be 150 books each at OLSE and SA. There are a few books at Sacred Heart without dedications, but most already have them in from a few years ago. Any current dedications in hymn books at OLSE will be transferred over to the new books.

Church Flower Arrangers Meeting at Our Lady & St Edward's: 13th December at 7pm in the café to welcome new and current members. Refreshments will be available. For more information call the office or Yvonne on 07921912326. All our flower rotas require new people, can you help out at **St Augustine's or Sacred Heart as well as OLSE?**

The latest edition of the Diocesan e-Magazine (with 2 Holy Family articles) was published last week on the Feast of Saint Hugh of Lincoln. Read and/or subscribe to receive it directly via email here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 15th January 2024. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

*If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FROM CHURCHES OR THE OFFICE, £1 PER TICKET – PLEASE TAKE SOME TO SELL TO FAMILY & FRIENDS. To be drawn on Friday 22nd December.

Hamper items wanted: Christmas Pudding, tinned salmon, speciality crisps, savoury biscuits, tinned pate, Christmas cake, mince pies etc



Please pray for:

- ❖ Peace in Palestine and Israel
- ❖ Raffaele & Esther as they get married next weekend.
- ❖ The repose of the soul of Jim McClay (Funeral Mass 1.15, SH Church, Wednesday 13th Dec),
- ❖ The repose of the soul of Dave Sheppard (Reception SH Church 5pm Thursday 14th Dec, Funeral Mass 2.30, Friday 15th),
- ❖ The repose of the soul of Nora Bethell (funeral details tbc)

Events this week in the parish:

- **Our Lady & St Edward's Café:** Wednesday 12 noon.
- **Synod Meeting** – Wed 6th December SH 7 pm – please come along.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart** Thursday 12 noon. All welcome
- **Meditation Group:** All Welcome. Thursday 7th December in the Sacred Heart Community Centre. 7.30 pm.
- **Scripture Group:** is on Friday 8th December at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent focussing on Mk 13:1:1-8. All are welcome.

Wednesday Word Link: resources for children on this week's Gospel:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=111.2>

Coming Up

- **Christmas Market** – today Sunday 3rd December at the Greyfriars 12-3 pm: Holy Family will be running a stall. Do come along and support the community – live music, stalls, craft, & festive food.
- **Sacred Heart School Christmas fair:** Monday 4th December in the school hall 3-5 pm. Come along and join in some festive fun and have a go at our many activities. Entrance £1 per adult.
- **St Augustine's School Christmas Fayre:** Thursday 7th December, 3.40 - 5.30pm in the school hall. Walk around the school enjoying the trees, decorated by the children based on our Gospel Values. Come and enjoy many stalls selling a variety of Christmas gifts, crafts, toys and lots more, all provided by local craft sellers and small businesses. All are welcome.

- **Our Lady & St Edward's School events:** – Parishioners welcome
 - 5th December Year 3 and 4 choir are singing at Schools Singing Project Carol Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe at 6pm.
 - 8th December Christmas Fayre in school beginning at 1:15pm
 - 13th December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in school at 1:30pm
 - 14th December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in school at 9:30am
 - 21st December Advent Wreath Service in school at 2pm



Easyfundraising: If you are intending to do any online shopping this Christmas, why not raise funds for our parish by shopping from the easyfundraising website or app. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and is turned into a donation - magic! More information via the website or app – take a look.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holyfamilyparish>

Confirmation preparation: will start in the New Year and we need a team of people to lead our work with young people of secondary school age, training and support will be given if you are interested in being part of the team, let Fr Joe or Diane Williams know.

Admissions Policy Consultation: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust is proposing to improve the clarity of their Secondary Schools Admissions Policy by amending the wording of the oversubscription criteria. It is a statutory requirement that they publicly consult on this amendment. Further information on the consultation which will run between Monday 27th November 2023 to Monday 8th January 2024 visit: www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/governance/admissions



TRANSFER TO RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2024

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2024 is now open and closes on 15th January 2024.

If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular.

Although your child currently attends our nursery, this does not guarantee you a place in Reception. We have to follow the admissions criteria from the diocese so it is important you visit other schools and list them too on your application. Failure to do so will mean the City Council will place your child in a school where there is a space available.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

We are very excited to be holding our Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 8th December beginning at 1:15pm.

All parents/grandparents are welcome.

The Christmas Fayre is CASH only.

