



The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 1st December 2023

Unlocking potential together in faith and love

Mission

Each Monday we share our mission of the week in our whole school assembly. Our mission this Advent is for children to spend time in stillness and reflection. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Stars of the Week

Rec- Kathleen
Year 1- Leon
Year 2- Hallie
Year 3- Henry
Year 4- Chanelle
Year 5- Katelyn
Year 6- Chloe

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 93%
Year 1-97%
Year 2- 96%
Year 3- 93%
Year 4- 98%
Year 5- 98%
Year 6- 94%
Whole school- 95%
Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Advent

On Sunday, we begin the season of Advent – a time to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Please see the separate letter at the bottom of the page for more information about how we are celebrating Advent in school.



Mass to Celebrate the beginning of Advent – Monday 4th December at 9:15am in the Cathedral

You are invited to join us for a whole school Mass to celebrate the start of Advent on Monday 4th December at 9:15am in the Cathedral. We hope to see you there.

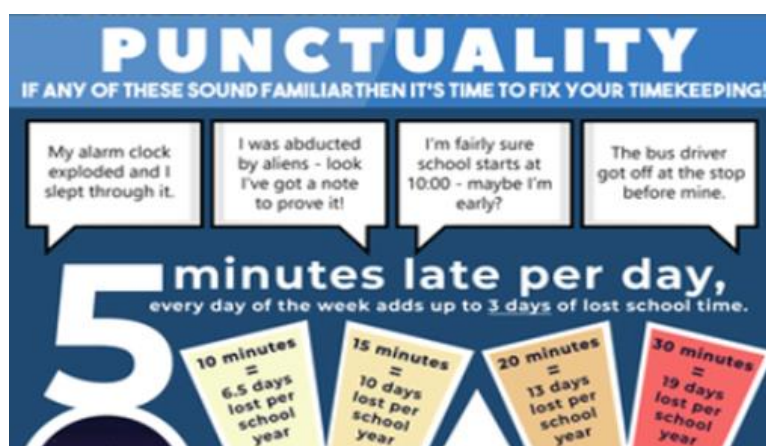
Christmas Fair

The PTA are holding their Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December 5-7pm. This takes a lot of organising behind the scenes and we really want it to be a success. We have lots of games, stalls, crafts and refreshments on the night but we need YOUR help. If you are able to give half an hour of your time or more to help on the night to man a stall please come forward to Mrs Holt or volunteer on the PTA page. The more help we have the better so we can raise money for our wonderful children.

Punctuality

Today 20 children arrived late through the front door.

It is very important to arrive at school on time. The gates are open from 8.35am – 8.45am. Please do not drop children off at the front door unless it is prearranged or an emergency. The front office is very busy in the morning and children need to be joining their class for bagels and social time before school and then vital phonics and spellings first thing. **Please ensure you are arriving at the back gate unless there are extreme circumstances**



Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Chapple – Monday 4th December at 7pm in the Cathedral

Father Chapple has now moved to a parish in Preston and we welcome Fr. Mathew Minisare who has taken on the role of assistant priest for our parish. Everyone is invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Chapple on Monday 4th December at 7pm.

Christmas Jumper Day – Monday 11th December

On Monday 11th December, children can wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform (these can be ordinary jumpers decorated with drawings/ tinsel etc) for a donation of £1 (or more) per child. If you don't have a Christmas jumper you can wear your favourite jumper instead. All money raised will go to Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church

A selection of children's prayers for hope and peace from all classes will be used to decorate a Christmas tree for our school at the Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church.

Save The Date For Nativity

Reception and Key stage 1 will be performing their nativity on 12th December at 2pm and 6pm in the Cathedral. Tickets will be available free of charge from the office from Monday. Please come and get yours. Children will be staying after school on the night to watch a film then perform. Please see the separate letter that will be sent on the app for more details.

Reception welly walks

Reception had a chilly but fun walk to Williamson Park on Thursday. They loved looking around and seeing signs of Winter.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th December – Glow in the dark dodgeball Y4 -6

Wednesday 6th December – Year 5 to visit the Dukes theatre

Friday 8th December – Christmas fair 5pm- 7pm

Monday 11th December – Christmas jumper day for St Francis group

Tuesday 12th December – Year 3 visit to Lancaster castle.

Reception and KS1 Nativity in the Cathedral at 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 13th December – Year 5 and 6 Ice skating

Friday 15th December - Christmas Dinner day

Reception Stay and Play

Monday 18th December – Secret room. Children can bring in £2.50 or pay on parentpay to buy a gift for an adult at home. It will be gift wrapped with a personal gift tag

Tuesday 19th December – Choir singing at RLI hospital

Whole school Carol service – 2pm

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 1.30pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

ADVENT

This Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time when Christians take time to reflect on their lives and how they can make more room for Jesus as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

In school, our Advent theme is '**Be Still in Advent**' and every day after lunch, the children will participate in a few minutes of silent reflection to help them think about the special birthday we are preparing to celebrate.

Each class will have a 'Travelling Advent Book'. Your child will bring the book home for an evening to read and reflect on with you. Please return the book the next day so another family can enjoy it.

As always, there will be other activities during Advent which will help us to reflect and wonder at the amazing feast we are preparing to celebrate. Children in Reception Class and Key Stage One are preparing a Nativity play. All children are learning and practising Christmas carols for a school carol service in the Cathedral in the last week of term – we hope you will be able to join us for these.

The children in our St Francis of Assisi group will launch our new **charity appeal** for Advent next week. We are raising money for Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service (LDHAS) which does so much good work with those who are homeless in our city. On **Monday 11th December, children can wear Christmas jumpers** (these can be ordinary jumpers decorated with drawings/ tinsel etc) for a donation of £1 per child. Or if you don't have one wear your favourite jumper instead.

We hope that our times of stillness and reflection, our re-enactment of the Christmas story, singing carols together and giving to those in need will help us to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's son, at Christmas.

With thanks for your support,
Mrs Claire Dickinson
RE Subject Leader