

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

December 2022

Thank you

Thank you for your generous donations for the Y6 Faith in Action appeal for the Seafarers. We had a great response and we know that the gifts will be gratefully received.

The Friends of St Paul's have received donations for the Christmas Hampers. There's still time to donate! Thank you for your generosity.



Pre-loved uniform

Thank you for supporting our pre-loved uniform sale. We are really pleased that many parents are making good use of this facility. We will be running this sale regularly and will let you know when the next sale is on.



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome to the final newsletter for this year! It seems unbelievable that we are now in the season of Advent, with just the final couple of weeks of the term left. The children continue to work so hard and it is such a pleasure to witness their hard work and dedication to their learning. We have all worked really hard this term to ensure that our school is a calm and purposeful environment where everyone strives to be ready, respectful and safe. Their lovely manners do not go unnoticed, everyone has noticed how polite and respectful the children are. Thank you for your support.

It was great to see you at the Parent Consultation meetings this week; thank you for your time and for your positive support. The partnership between home and school is our best resource. As always, if you have any queries or concerns at any time of the school year, don't hesitate to contact school so that we can help. As well as supporting academic progress, you will know that the well-being of every person is at the heart and soul of our mission. Our School Support Advisor can help us to signpost families to the most appropriate service if additional support is needed. Please do let us know if we can help.

Over the coming weeks we will journey through Advent towards the joyful celebration of Christmas. Children will have an opportunity—through their RE lessons, prayer and liturgy, the carols they will sing and the readings they will hear—to develop awareness of the importance of Advent as a time of preparation to welcome Jesus and celebrate the gift of God's love brought into the world on the first Christmas day. We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming Nativity plays and Carol Service.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sheena Sinclair—Head Teacher



Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is at school every day possible. We know there are lots of coughs and colds going around as well as other illnesses. Please remember to let us know if your child is unable to attend school, by 9am. Our Attendance Policy has been updated and is available on the website.

We are always grateful that children are in school, ready to start learning at 8.50am. This ensures a smooth start to the day and maximises learning opportunities.

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.





ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEW BUILD STARTING SOON!
SPACES AVAILABLE
30 HOURS PROVISION AND WRAP AROUND CARE**

'IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING'

Christmas Performances

(As shared on the October Newsletter)

- **Tuesday 6th December - Year 3 & 4 Snappy Christmas at Thornaby Pavilion (Parents can purchase tickets to watch the performance 1-2pm)**
- **Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th December—Y1 and Y2 Nativity "Prickly Hay" 2pm**
- **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December—Early Years Nativity "We're Going on a Baby Hunt" 9.30am**
- **Tuesday 13th December—Year 5 and Year 6 Advent Carol Service at Holy Rosary Church at 6pm EVERYONE WELCOME**



****Please remember that entry to the Nativities in school is by ticket only****

Christmas Parties are on the following dates. On party day children may wear their party clothes all day. Children will have a cookie, ice-cream and juice during the party.

Y1 and Y2—Thursday 15th December

Y3 and Y4—Friday 16th December

Y5 and Y6—Monday 19th December

Nursery and Reception—Tuesday 20th December

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Come and visit us if you require a Nursery or Reception place for September 2023



All faiths welcome

Please contact us to find out more:

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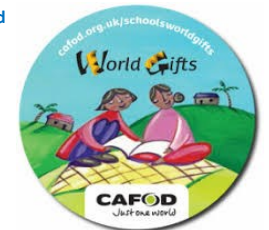
Movie night

We are hosting a movie night on Thursday 15th December where Fair Trade hot chocolate will be served. We request £1 donation to support the work of Fair Trade. This event is for all children from Y1-6. Children will need to be collected at 5.30pm. Further details to follow.



We all know that Christmas is a very expensive time of year and we know our families are always very generous in many different ways. We want you to know that staff don't expect gifts and presents. Donations to the foodbank or a small contribution to our CAFOD collection that would enable us to buy a "World Gift" to make a difference to a family in a developing country, would be a welcome gesture. We have some CAFOD collection boxes in school so any loose change or a donation can be brought into school by your child and posted in the boxes. The Stewards of Creation group and Mini Vinnies will decide which gifts we buy. You can find out more by visiting:

www.worldgifts@cafod.org.uk



Christmas Dinner Day

We will be having Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 13th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to stay for Christmas Dinner then please let us know using the school email.

Children may wear Christmas colours or a Christmas jumper (non-uniform day).

School closes on Tuesday 20th December and re-opens on Wednesday 4th January.

