

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020



A big thank you to everyone for bringing in so many wonderful items for the raffle prize hampers. Six lucky winners will be able to walk away with a fantastic hamper for Christmas!

**Proud to be Me** – Kindness; ‘The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor. Let us learn to live with kindness.’ Pope Francis

Reception Year 1	Laylah Thomas	For always being kind and sharing the resources with her friends. For always trying hard to show kindness to his friends.
Year 2	Matilda	For being a superstar in class and helping Mrs Marshall with her jobs.
Year 3 Year 4	Daisy Jack	For showing kindness towards others when they need help.
Year 5 Year 6	Tephi Rafa	For making sure everyone feels part of our class and helping others when they need help. For always being kind to everyone in our class.

**House of the Week:** Well done to St Gregory's

**Music:** **Esme** tried really hard in all our activities this week. **All of Y2** for their great singing this week. **Jack** for his enthusiastic singing of our Greek songs this week. **Sophie** did excellent work on her graphic score this week.

**Spanish:** **Khalifah** participated really well and listened carefully in Spanish this week. **Ffion** always shows super commitment to her Spanish learning. **Jensen W** used the Spanish wall really well this week to help him. **Jake** showed great commitment to his Spanish learning and asking great questions.

**PE:** **Kaiden** has been excellent in PE this week. Very enthusiastic to get involved in all the games played this week and listening very carefully and demonstrated doing the activities really well. **Carter** has been very focused this week with the PE lesson. He shined over the rest of the class with his abilities with each activity. Threw himself into all the fun games we played this week. **Joe** has shown an excellent attitude in PE. He has tried really hard and showed great perseverance. **Bailey** was brilliant this week in the Y3/4 Mindfulness session. Was able to share some good ideas and feedback when questioned. Shared experiences of the topic area of Anger today and how she deals with it on a daily basis. **Lilly P** Was very sensible today and showed good ability to listen to instructions. Threw herself into competitive games of hockey with the rest of the bubble and kept on going right to the end.

**Happy Birthday** Laylah

## Upcoming Events...

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Blessing of the Wreath
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline for the Smarties Challenge!
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Carols being filmed
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performed for Y3/4 and Y5/6
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performed and Filmed for DVD
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper/Party/Dinner Day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Jack and the Beanstalk Digital Panto
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break up for Christmas – School finishes at 1pm

## Plugs for Parents...

**Smarties Challenge 30.11.2020:** This weekend is the last weekend for children to complete their Smarties challenge. Please can all tubes of Smarties, **no matter how full**, be brought into school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. SAFFA would like to say a big thank you to everyone for participating and helping to raise funds for the school in a time when fundraising options are limited.

**Change to Christmas Dinner/Party/Jumper Day 18.12.2020:** In order for the kitchen to cater more easily for the children on Christmas Dinner day, we have moved it to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't already done so, please could you help the kitchen with their planning by filling in the form below to indicate whether or not your child will be ordering Christmas dinner on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We would like to encourage all the children to join together to celebrate Christmas with a dinner on this day. [Christmas Dinner Numbers Form](#)

## Plugs for Parents Continued...

**Drop Off/Pick Up:** Please could parents remember to exit school promptly after dropping off and picking up their children. We know how important being sociable is, but for the time being we need to continue to keep contacts to an absolute minimum. For this reason, we also ask that children do not hang around after school and play in the leafy area by the gates.

**Christmas Cards Post Box:** The children will still be able to exchange Christmas cards this year, if they wish to do so. After reviewing Sheffield Public Health's Festive Health and Safety guide, each classroom will have a 'post box' where children can put any Christmas cards that they would like to exchange with other children. These cards will be quarantined before being handed out to their recipients. Please clearly mark who the card is for, with a surname where necessary, and which year the child is in.

**Kirk Edge Convent Donations:** Unfortunately, we will not be able to take our Y6 children to see the Sisters at Kirk Edge this Christmas – a tradition that we hope to continue next year. We would however, like to make our usual donations, so if you can gift any of the following items, we will make sure that the Sisters receive them before Christmas – Tinned foods, cereals, sugar, flour, toothpaste, soap, washing powder, washing up liquid, tea or coffee and any other everyday items. Please bring your donations to the School Office before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Thank you.

**National Online Safety (NOS):** Please see the Parents' Guide sent out with this newsletter about Amazon Alexa.

**Wednesday Word:** The Wednesday Word for this week can be found by following this link: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=11.2>

**Metal Car Park Gates:** You may have noticed that we have recently had the shrubs in the car park pruned to maintain this area. We would really like to restore the main car park gates, so if anyone has the skills to prepare and paint the gates, please let us know, as we would really appreciate the help.

## News...

**Pizza Time:** Today the whole school including staff were treated to pizza kindly donated by United Fried Chicken (UFC) in Stocksbridge. Cheers erupted across the school as the pizza's were delivered to each classroom, shortly followed by silence as everyone tucked in! Thank you UFC for such a generous gift.

Our parish church, St Mary's in Penistone are in need of bric-a-brac, DVDs and books for their charity stall. The stall is held at Penistone market on a Thursday (once lockdown eases) and raises funds for good causes. If you are having a clear out before Christmas and would like to donate some items, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

**Amazon Smile:** A quick reminder that you can support the school... for FREE... with **two clicks**. Please choose St Ann's Family and Friends Association as your Amazon Smile charity by following this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1112227-0> then, every time you shop it automatically raises funds for SAFFA.

**Remember – you need to purchase through <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> every time you shop in order to raise funds**