

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020



Proud to be Me – Advent: how can you prepare well through Advent – to be ready to welcome Jesus, and to draw closer to God.

Reception Year 1	Vincent Maya	For trying really hard to make the right choices and to be thoughtful and kind For always being thoughtful and kind to both her friends and the adults in the classroom.
Year 2	Emily	For being a superstar in the Nativity practice. She is always ready to go, speaking in a loud, confident voice and will help other children around her.
Year 3 Year 4	Amelia Jude W-S	For their beautiful and thoughtful Advent promises.
Year 5 Year 6	Matilda Maisie S	For always helping others to be prepared for their learning. For her fantastic contributions during our lessons.

Music: **Carter** for always trying his best. **All Y2** great singing this week. **Edith** for her beautiful singing. **Neeve and Bronwen** for their great composing this week.

Spanish: **Noah** always greets me in Spanish and tries hard in lessons. **All Year 2** for trying really hard with the Spanish Nativity. **Charlie** showed great perseverance to do his Spanish conversation. **Tephi** always works with commitment and enthusiasm.

PE: **Zak** threw himself into this week's PE lesson. We played many different games which involved many different skills. He listened and demonstrated eagerness to try his best. **Seb** was very eager to be picked to do important jobs within the games that we played this week. He joined in and did really well today with all the games that we played. **Ffion** for trying really hard with her directional language and movement. **Ffion** always shows enthusiasm and a positive attitude when learning and being physically active. **Mia** was really focused in this week's Mindfulness course. We looked at happiness and she shared good ideas and feedback on what makes her happy and what happiness is to her. **Maisie S** was excellent in PE today as we carried on our focus of hockey this term. She showed good ability with dribble the ball while dodging obstacles and keeping good control throughout.

Upcoming Events...

Friday 11 th December	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Carols being filmed
Monday 14 th December	Nativity Performed for Y3/4 and Y5/6
Tuesday 15 th December	Nativity Performed and Filmed for DVD
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper/Party/Dinner Day
Tuesday 22 nd December	Jack and the Beanstalk Digital Panto
December	Break up for Christmas – School finishes at 1pm
Wednesday 6 th January 2021	Return to School

Plugs for Parents...

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 take them to the Sisters on 10th December – Tinned foods, cereals, sugar, flour, toothpaste, soap, washing powder, washing up liquid, tea or coffee and any other everyday items.

Local Nursing Homes: To spread a bit of festive cheer we would like to send a copy of the Nativity and Carols DVD to nursing homes in our local area this Christmas. If anyone has any objections to this, please contact the School Office to advise. The children will also be creating Hearts for Homes here at school to send alongside the DVD. This is an amazing initiative and will connect the youngest members of our community with the oldest members this Christmas. Please see the attached Hearts for Homes document for more information.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Tea towels and DVD Payment: A quick reminder to pay for either of these items if it is still outstanding.

National Online Safety (NOS): Please see the Parents' Guide sent out with this newsletter about Playstation 5.

Wednesday Word: The Wednesday Word for this week can be found by following this link: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=12.3>

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.

Ten:Ten Collective Worship: Please follow this link for the latest Parents' Newsletter <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

News...

Stocksbridge Town Council Competition: The Christmas Card competition has now been judged and four finalists chosen from your school, these being:- Hannah R, Neeve M, Alice B and Lizzie B. Well done to our finalists. The Mayor, Cllr. Catherine Ward will be delivering a pack of cards for each of the finalists on Tuesday, 8th December.

Smarties Challenge: A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Smarties challenge. Together we raised £290 – and with a few other tubes still to count our total will be over £300. This money is eligible for Gift Aid under the small donations scheme which will bring the grand total to approximately £360.

Thank you to Lucie Loxley and her community team who have created hampers for us to share with St Ann's families this Christmas.

Come along to Stocksbridge Library to collect a 'Christmas is Coming' activity pack, filled with word searches, crafts, baking, colouring and much more. There are 2 packs available - one for the Under 7's and one for the Under 11's. Why not order and collect one of our lovely Christmas stories whilst you are visiting.

Opening times are:

Tuesday 10 – 12.30 and 2 – 4.30

Thursday 10 – 12.30 and 2 – 4.30

Saturday 10 – 12.30 and 1.30 – 4