

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd December 2022



Upcoming Events...

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| Wednesday 7 th December | Nasal Flu Immunisations |
| Friday 9 th December | Non-Uniform Day |
| Monday 12 th December | Nativity Dress Rehearsal |
| Tuesday 13 th December (1:30pm) | Nativity Performance |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Y5/6 Carol Singing at Belmont House |
| Wednesday 14 th December (8:50am) | Year 5/6 Liturgical Prayer "Advent" |
| Wednesday 14 th December (6:00pm) | Nativity Performance |
| Thursday 15 th December (3:00pm) | SAFFA Christmas Fair |
| Friday 16 th December | Y6 Visit to Kirk Edge Convent |
| Monday 19 th December | Jack & Jill and the Beanstalk Pantomime |
| Tuesday 20 th December | Christmas Dinner/Party/Jumper Day |
| Wednesday 21 st December (1:15pm) | The Blessing of the Crib |
| Wednesday 21 st December (1:30pm) | School Closes for the Christmas Holidays |
| Monday 9 th January | First Day Back at School |
| Monday 9 th January (2:15pm) | Epiphany Liturgical Prayer |

Proud to be Me: Preparation: Now is the time to prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth – God's arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. Good preparation is always important in everything we do. Perhaps you can: slow down and try to remember the real reason for Christmas – regularly giving thanks to God for the gift of Jesus; read the Bible's Christmas story together.

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| Reception | Declan | For being a superstar in reading. He read all the sounds with confidence and blew my socks off with his brilliant blending. Well Done Declan keep up the great work. |
| Year 1 | Alex | For his fantastic contributions during our Writing lessons. |
| Year 2 | Juno | for listening carefully and sharing her ideas around the readings for the Jesse tree. She created some beautiful artwork to represent the stories we have heard so far. |
| Year 3 | Maya J | Maya is preparing for the Young Voices concert by practising regularly. She knows many songs off by heart already. |
| Year 4 | Sofi | Sofi has contributed to our Advent prayers this week. Listening carefully to the Jesse Tree stories and reflecting on their message. |
| Year 5 | Joshua Ho | For persevering with his Maths work this week, and continuing to try and hard even when it was really tricky! |
| Year 6 | Ashleigh | Ashleigh has impressed me with her attitude this week. She has shown kindness to other members of the class and continued to have a very contentious attitude to her work. |

P.E: **Dougie** for his super gymnastic jumps and his excellent partner work. **Iona** for her fantastic gymnastic jumping and landing. **Vincent** for his amazing gymnastic jumping and landing. **Thomas B** is always willing to give his best and try everything. **Evelyn** really got involved in all the games and was respectful throughout. **Jack** gets stuck into everything we do and remained respectful throughout all PE. **Ashleigh** listened very well and showed great skills in PE.

Spanish: **Alex** for helping the others to remember Spanish colours and numbers. **Connie** for participating so well in Spanish every week. **Oliver** for great focus and recall of the classroom commands. **Violet W** for beautiful rainbow sentences practising Spanish word order.

Music: **Avery** for her joining in our body percussion games this week. **Matilda C** for her super singing and body percussion work this week. **Thomas** for his fantastic singing in music the week. **Marshall** excellent work this week keeping the class in time during on the drum.

Best Attendance: Rec/Y1 with 95%

Prayer Bear: Isla

Share a Prayer: Esme H

House of the Week St Gregory's with 409 points

Top Table:

Bronze Awards go to **Connie, Harry, Henry, Thea, Ashley, Niamh, Zak, Darla** and **Avayah** for earning 100 Monster Effort points – Well done!

Happy Birthday Laylah, Nancy and Katie

Plugs for Parents...

Nasal Flu Immunisation 07.12.22: Following the email sent out on 20th October, if you would like your child to receive the [nasal flu vaccine](#) in school and haven't already completed the consent form, please follow the link. The link will close on **05/12/2021**. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since Sept 2022, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (opt 2).

Non-Uniform Day 09.12.22: In order to support SAFFA's fundraising for the Christmas raffle and fair we are having a non-uniform day. As a forfeit we are asking each child to bring something in to contribute to a hamper for the raffle. These items are going to be colour coded by class with each class bringing an gift worthy item in of that colour: **Reception/Y1 red, Y1/2 yellow, Y3/4 purple and Y5/6 blue**. For example, Y3/4 could bring a Cadburys bar of chocolate, as the wrapper is purple.

In addition, if you have any **good quality toys or tombola prizes to donate**, please bring these to school on 9th December too as these will help SAFFA to put on a really good Christmas fair, thank you.

KS1 Nativity Performance 13 & 14.12.22: Please could KS1 parents bring their children back to school at 5:30pm on Wednesday 14th so that they have time to change into costume before the Nativity starts at 6pm. Tickets are on sale from the school office for £1 each – please bring cash to the office if you would like to purchase any.

Y5/6 Carol Singing at Belmont House 14.12.22: Year 5/6 have been invited back to Belmont House to sing carols to the residents there. This has been a highlight of the residents Christmas celebrations in the past and so it will be nice to reinstate this annual event once again.

Year 5/6 Liturgical Prayer "Advent" 14.12.22: Family and friends are invited to join us for this Liturgical Prayer in the School Hall.

Kirk Edge Convent Donations 16.12.22: Every year Y6 enjoy a visit to see the Sisters at Kirk Edge Convent just before Christmas. We always like to take some gifts for the Sisters, who live a frugal lifestyle at Kirk Edge Convent, so if the whole school could gift any of the following items, we would be very grateful – Tinned foods, cereals, sugar, flour, toothpaste, soap, washing powder, washing up liquid, tea or coffee and any other everyday items. Please take your donations to the School Office. Thank you.

Jack & Jill and the Beanstalk Pantomime 19.12.22: As a Christmas treat and in acknowledgement for all the hard work done this term, the children will be invited to a performance of Jack & Jill and the Beanstalk in the school Hall performed by the theatre company, Splats.

Christmas Dinner/Party/Jumper Day 20.12.22: Miss Eady would like to encourage all children to order a Christmas dinner on this day, as our school family join together for a special lunch to celebrate Christmas. School meals are free for all KS1 children. This always proves to be a great day, as each class enjoy a Christmas party with lots of games, and everyone can wear their own clothes and come in Christmas jumpers or Christmas t-shirts.

The Blessing of the Crib 21.12.22: Family and friends are invited to join us in the Hall for *The Blessing of the Crib*.

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays: School will close early at 1:30pm for the Christmas holidays. Please make arrangements to collect your child at this time, thank you.

Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential (February 2023): A quick reminder, if you haven't already paid the first deposit that was due yesterday, please do so by logging on to ParentPay, thank you.

Sooper Books Online Library: Sooper Books has kindly donated all of their award-winning stories and audiobooks to our school. The library can be found here on our [school website](#) and include; [Bedtime stories](#) — a selection of the world's best 5-10 minute bedtime stories and audiobooks; [Fairy tales](#) — a selection of classic fairy tales retold in a modern and fun way; [Sooper Series](#) — a selection of original stories in episode format. Each episode is a separate 10-15 minute story; [Rhymes & Poems](#) — a selection of 3-5 minute funny rhymes and [Aesop's fables](#) — a selection of 3-5 minute moral tales, retold in a fun and modern way.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Volunteers Needed: SAFFA are asking for volunteers for the Christmas Fair on 15th December. If you can spare some time to help set up from 1:30pm and/or help on a stall and/or help to tidy away, please let the school office know. SAFFA need 4 volunteers minimum, thank you.

Piano, Trumpet and Ukulele Lessons: Fees are now due to Mrs Fitzpatrick for all of these music lessons. Please make prompt payment before Friday 9th December, thank you.

Christmas Raffle: Tickets have been sent home this week (1 book per family) if you would like more tickets to pass on to family and friends, please pop into the school office to collect. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 14th December at the 6pm Nativity performance.

National Online Safety: An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down a rabbit hole that isn't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which enthrals young people, but we can still help children to be mindful of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't OK ... and knowing what to do about content that upsets them. In the attached guide, you'll find tips such as how to hide content, setting daily limits and discussing what children have seen online.

Wednesday Word: Please see here for this week's [Wednesday Word](#)

Other Items...

Easyfundraising: Please don't forget that SAFFA (St Ann's Family and Friends Association) is registered with easyfundraising to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you. When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 7,000 of your favourite brands, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Amazon and many more, you will raise FREE donations for the school. If you're not already registered, please visit our [easyfundraising page](#). This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support, SAFFA.

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents Need to Know about Social Media & Mental Health
- St Ann's Church and St Mary's Church Bulletin – 1st Sunday of Advent
- Sheffield Parenting Hub – What's On Guide

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

This year, the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) marks 100 years of broadcasting. The first daily radio broadcasts began at 6pm, 14th November 1922. TV hadn't been invented then and it was another 14 years until the BBC started broadcasting regular programmes on television. Lord John Reith was the BBC's first boss and wanted broadcasting to be taken seriously. He said that the BBC should 'inform, educate, entertain' - in that order. Before children's television, there was a children's radio programme that began in 1922, soon after the BBC was set up. It was called Children's Hour and was on between 5 and 6 o'clock every afternoon.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What devices do you use to watch entertainment?
- > What do you like to watch?
- > Ask others at home, what do they watch now and what did they like to watch when they were younger?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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