

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023



Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 5 th December (9:30am)	Blessing of the Wreaths
Thursday 7 th December (6:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting
Thursday 7 th December	Y6 Visit to Kirk Edge Convent
Tuesday 12 th December (1:30pm)	Nativity Performance
Wednesday 13 th December (6:00pm)	Nativity Performance
Thursday 14 th December	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 15 th December (3pm – 4pm)	Christmas Fair
Sunday 17 th December (5:30-6:30pm)	Advent Mass at St Ann's Church
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner/Party/Jumper Day
Thursday 21 st December (1:30pm)	The blessing of the Crib
Thursday 21 st December (2:00pm)	School Closes for the Christmas Holidays

Proud to be Me: *KINDNESS: "Give something however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing." St Gregory Nazianzus. "How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each one of us could say: 'Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!'" Pope Francis. We learn to be kind by receiving kindness – and our homes are great places to learn: families can be schools of kindness. In this coming week, in what ways can we show kindness to each other or to those who really need help? Perhaps we can: be more helpful around the house; share more and donate to a local food bank; as a family, show compassion through visiting or sending a card to someone who is lonely, sick or housebound; support a Charity that helps the homeless*

Reception	Aida	For always being eager to help Mrs Brotherton and help others in phonic activities. You are developing super listening skills and teamwork.
Year 1	Shay	For giving her all when choosing her vocabulary for her writing this week. Her quiet and contentious attitude to her work and brilliant writing has really impressed me!
Year 2	Darla	Darla has worked incredibly hard on her handwriting since the start of Year 2. Darla has produced some beautiful work this week, well done Darla, keep it up!
Year 3	Kaidan	Kaidan has been a maths wizard this week. He has blown Mrs Marshall and Miss Gill away with his speedy responses.
Year 4	Thomas	Thomas has produced a superb piece of independent writing this week and he has confidently shared his work in a clear and proud voice to the class.
Year 5	Ffion	Ffion is a helpful and kind member of Y56. She always offers to help Miss Edwards and other children in lessons, and works brilliantly with partners. Well done, Ffion.
Year 6	Esme R	Esme has been a superstar this week. She has worked so hard in maths and English and has produced some outstanding work! Well done Esme.

P.E: Aiydhen for perseverance and determination during gymnastics. Shay for giving 100% effort during gymnastics. Skyla for listening well to instructions during gymnastics to perform some wonderful gymnastic positions. Keep it up Skyla Kaidan -Showed fantastic attitude in PE. Niamh - really got involved! Wilfred - never seems to stop impressing. Gives all effort in dance! Emily -Really impressive this week! Showed great dance routine for count of 8 and bravery in leading her group in the routine for the group!

Spanish Awards: Dylan showed great enthusiasm during Spanish. Lucy joined in brilliantly with our clapping rhyme for days of the week. Clay tried really hard in Spanish this week and listened really well. Laylah produced some fantastic work in her Spanish book. Daisy is always fantastic in Spanish every week and always gives 100%.

Music: Marcus for his super effort in learning our new songs this week. Bobi sang really well this week trying his best with the new songs. Harry for his super singing and trying really hard to learn our new songs. Juno for her impressive singing and ability to learn new actions and fit them into the songs. Ffion always has a fantastic attitude in music, this week she worked hard on writing triad chords.

Bronze Awards: Well done Henry H, Declan, Rosalie, Tinashe, Heidi, Esme H, Nancy, Niamh, Carter, Juno, Zak, Erin and Hermione for earning 100 Monster Effort Points

Happy Birthday William

House of the Week: St Teresa's with 235 points

Attendance: Year 2 with 98.2%

Plugs for Parents...

Blessing of the Wreaths 05.12.23: Family and friends are invited to join us for the Blessing of the Wreath at 9:30am.

Kirk Edge Convent Donations: Every year, just before Christmas, our Y6 children visit the Nuns at Kirk Edge Convent. We always like to take some gifts from our whole school community for the Sisters, who live a frugal lifestyle. If you can 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 by Wednesday 6th December, thank you.

KS1 Nativity Performances 12 & 13.12.23: Tickets are now on sale from the school office for £1 each – please bring cash to the office if you would like to purchase any. Please bring costumes into School by Tuesday 5th December so we can check we have everything before the dress rehearsal on the 8th. We also ask that the children are back to school at 5:30pm on Wednesday 13th so that they have time to change into costume before the Nativity starts at 6pm.

Non-Uniform Day 14.12.23: In order to support SAFFA organising the Christmas Fair we are having a non-uniform day, and as a forfeit we are asking each child to bring something in to contribute towards the tombola. Some examples include gift sets, box/tin of biscuits, chocolates, little gift items, candles, jewellery, hot chocolate etc. Please could we politely request that all items are new – but they don't have to be expensive!

Christmas Fair 15.12.23: Please come along to the School Hall at 3pm to support the SAFFA Christmas Fair. There will be activities for the children to do and games to play as well as refreshments. Look out for the posters going up around School! If you are able to help set up (from 1pm) and/or pack away, please contact Ashleigh at saffapta@gmail.com to let her know.

Christmas Dinner/Party/Jumper Day 20.12.23: 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 21.12.23: Family and friends are invited to join us in the Hall for *The Blessing of the Crib*.

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays 21.12.23: School will be closing at the earlier time of 2:00pm after *The blessing of the Crib* service. Please can all parents/carers collect, or arrange for collection of their child at 2:00pm, thank you.

Y5/6 Willersley Castle Residential: A quick reminder that the seventh instalment is due on 1st December. Please visit [ParentPay](#) to make prompt payment.

Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential: The third instalment for this Residential is due on 1st December. Please make prompt payment using [ParentPay](#).

KS2 Young Voices Resources: We encourage everyone attending the concert to access the resources used in School to practice the Young Voices songs at home, please [register your child](#). Once registered visit [Young Voices Music Room](#) and log in as a 'parent' to access these resources. There have been some last minute changes to one or two songs and the most up to date versions can be found in the Young Voices Music Room.

KS2 Young Voices Concert Video: We have been given the discount code 'PREORDER' should parents/carers wish to Pre-order the YV24 Concert Video with an exclusive discounted offer for just £9.99 (usually £12.99). If you are interested, visit yv24film.co.uk to place an order.

National Online Safety: Gone are the days of Black Friday only existing in the physical environs of the high street. Now, both this retail landmark and its sister event, Cyber Monday, see deals and discounts displayed across almost every online retailer. The array of reductions makes this an ideal moment to treat a loved one (or yourself!) to those treasured items for considerably less than their usual cost. The frantic dash for the best bargains online, however, also harbours several risks: chiefly, cybercriminals hoping to exploit people's excitement and hoodwink them out of their hard-earned cash. Our #WakeUpWednesday has some expert pointers on keeping your both your money and your personal information safe while still making the most of the spectacular sales.

Wednesday Word: Please follow this link to see this week's [Wednesday Word](#)

Other Items...

SAFFA Easyfundraising: Christmas Shopping? 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 here](#): This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support.

Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- [November's Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#)
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre - Christmas Fayre
- Just Helping – Recycle Your Tree!
- Picture News Christmas Campaign
- Stocksbridge Leisure Centre – Ultimate Activity Camp (Christmas Holidays)
- Grenoside Pantomime – Pinocchio
- Stay Safe – Stay off the Ice

Picture News...

This is the question we will be deliberating next week...



In the news this week

Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months. With cold weather continuing, charities and campaign groups are concerned that households face higher energy bills than last year. More than 12,000 warm banks were used by millions of Britons last winter in response to rising energy prices that worsened the UK's cost of living crisis. The scheme was set up by local councils, charities, and partner organisations.

Things to talk about at home ...

- As well as warmth, what other benefits do you think warm spaces will provide for communities?
- Can you think of any other ways that we can support each other during difficult times?

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