

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023



## Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (1:30pm)	Nativity Performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (6:00pm)	Nativity Performance
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (3pm – 4pm)	Christmas Fair
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (5:30-6:30pm)	Advent Mass at St Ann's Church
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner/Party/Jumper Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December (1:30pm)	The blessing of the Crib
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December (2:00pm)	School Closes for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Re-opens after the holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January (8:50am)	Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word: Epiphany

**Proud to be Me:** *HOPE: "Advent is the spiritual season of hope." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. "Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope!" Pope Francis. We can grow in hope through praying and learning about Jesus. As part of our Advent preparations for Christmas, let's consider if there is anyone we know who is sad or troubled and needs hope. In what ways can we bring hope to that person or those people? Perhaps we can: be a good friend and a patient listener, offer support and encouragement where needed; tell others about the hope that Jesus brings into our lives; let them know we are praying for them*

Reception Year 1	Isabel Tinashe	For showing great enthusiasm in maths this week during our addition work Tinashe is working hard to share her learning with her friends in class and has worked really hard in maths this week!
Year 2	Madison	Madison is a very kind and caring member of the class. She has worked extremely hard in English this week and has produced some lovely sentences. Madison always has a positive attitude to her learning and works hard in all lessons. Well done, Madison!
Year 3	Niamh	Niamh has shown real determination with all her learning. She has shown hope and trusted in her own abilities even when things got a little tough. Keep up the great work Niamh.
Year 4	Oliver	Oliver has shown great kindness and compassion this week. He has really impressed the adults with his maturity and empathy.
Year 5	Ffion	Ffion has been enthusiastic with all of the learning this week. Ffion has shown great maturity in her work and focussed brilliantly in the maths lessons.
Year 6	Daisy	Daisy has been a wonderful student this week. She has been willing to help both the staff and the other students in the class. Her attitude to learning even when the topic is difficult shows how determined she is.

**PE:** Ruby for her perseverance and determination. Coach Jake was really proud of Ruby this week, as she was a little nervous at first when using the equipment for the first time, but she didn't let this put her off! Isla showed Coach Jake this week that when she puts her mind to it, she can really do well in PE Keep it up Isla! Skyla showed good listening skills and showed Coach Jake that she is very capable of performing some great gymnastics positions, this is one of her best PE lessons to date. Vincent joined in and tried his best! Myah G - Really stood out in knowing all her dance moves! Ffion - Stands out as being able to do all the Y6/6 routine very well. Max F - Well done today, really got stuck in with dance.

**Spanish Awards:** Aida tried really hard with her Christmas Spanish colouring. Evie showed lots of enthusiasm in our Spanish Christmas lesson. Hermione always works beautifully in Spanish every week with a lovely attitude. Joshua Hi showed a really positive attitude to Spanish this week and produced some fantastic sentences.

**Music:** All Rec and Y1 sang the Nativity songs this week with super clear voices. All Y2 for singing the Nativity songs this week with confident and clear voices. Nancy for her super singing and her ability to lead a group with such confidence. Evelyn showed herself to be a fantastic focussed singer this week.

**Bronze Awards:** Well done Kaidan, Noah, Seb J, Gabriel, Louie, Marcus and Olivia for earning 100 Monster Effort Points

**Silver Awards:** Well done Charlie, Wilfred, Edith and Francesca for earning 200 Monster Effort Points.

**Happy Birthday** Henry R

**House of the Week:** St Catherine's with 235 points

**Attendance:** Year 5/6 with 97.2%

## Plugs for Parents...

**KS1 Nativity Performances 12 & 13.12.23:** Tickets are on sale from the school office for £1 each – please bring cash to the office if you would like to purchase any. The 6pm showing will soon be fully booked. Please bring costumes into School by Tuesday 5th December so we can check we have everything before the dress rehearsal on the 8<sup>th</sup>. 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/Santa's Workshop 15.12.23:** Please come along to the School Hall at 3pm to support the SAFFA Christmas Fair. There will be Santa's Workshop activities for the children to do and games to play as well as refreshments. If you are able to donate some home baked goods (buns, cookies etc) please let Ashleigh know by emailing [saffapta@gmail.com](mailto:saffapta@gmail.com) so that she is able to plan the refreshments stall.

**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.

**Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word: Epiphany 08.01.24:** Family and friends are invited to join us for this service of the word.

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

**Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential:** The third instalment for this Residential is due on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**National Online Safety:** In 2019, media titan Disney launched its own streaming platform, intending to challenge the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. Giving (often exclusive) access to shows and movies – such as the legendary studio's animated classics and the revered Star Wars back catalogue – Disney+ has been a colossal success, proving popular with viewers of all ages. Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there's far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.

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

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

**SAFFA Christmas Jumper Colouring Competition:** Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the template that was sent home recently. A quick reminder that the deadline for entering this competition is on Monday (11<sup>th</sup> December). The entries are all going to be sent off to Father Christmas for judging and the winner will be announced on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### Other Items...

**Stocksbridge Food Bank:** The Stocksbridge Food Bank is at The Christian Centre at 1 Cedar Road in Stocksbridge, opposite the Spar supermarket. It is open on Tuesdays (10-12) on Thursdays (10-12). On Tuesdays (10-12) the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) has a worker at Food Matters to offer advice and support to people in food poverty or in debt. (But not for the full range of CAB services, which can be accessed through the CAB website at <http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> ) On Thursdays (10-12) IMFIT, which deals with tenants having difficulty with their rents, both Council and Private, has a worker at Food Matters to offer advice and help to people struggling with their rent payments.

**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 – What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Disney+
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- Stocksbridge Leisure Centre – Ultimate Activity Camp (Christmas Holidays)
- IKON Church – Santa's Grotto
- Trans Pennine Trail – Activity Pack
- Sheffield Parent Hub – Winter What's On Guide
- SAFFA Christmas Jumper Colouring Competition