

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023



Upcoming Events...

Sunday 17 th December (5:30-6:30pm)	Advent Mass at St Ann's Church, Deepcar
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
Monday 8 th January 2024	School Re-opens after the holidays
Monday 8 th January (8:50am)	Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word: Epiphany
Tuesday 23 rd January (3:30 – 5:30pm)	Parents' Evening (Information to follow in the New Year)
Wednesday 24 th January (3:30 – 5:30pm)	Parents' Evening (Information to follow in the New Year)
Friday 26 th January (9:30am)	SAFFA Meeting at School

Proud to be Me: *JOY: "Dear young people, if we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face." Pope Francis. "Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy." St Teresa of Calcutta. Joy is something we all desire. We don't have to search around for joy: it comes from within. When we follow Jesus by loving God and others, we are filled with joy! A joyful heart is a sign of God's Spirit within us. What can you do to help bring joy to others in this coming week? Perhaps you can: give lots of smiles; give someone a gift; remind someone that they are loved by God; cheerfully do what our parents or teachers ask us to do. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed.*

Reception Year 1 Year 2	All of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	For a fantastic nativity! You have all worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks and you spoke, sang and performed brilliantly! You should be very proud of yourselves.
Year 3	Gerard	For speaking confidently and joyfully about his learning and for focusing hard on his spelling.
Year 4	Seb J	For working really hard on his independent write about the Stone Age. Seb has been thinking about his word choices and how to construct a good sentence to make his writing engaging for the reader.
Year 5	Sofi	Sofi has tried really hard with her formal letter this week. She has shown an excellent understanding of the features of a formal letter and should be very proud of herself.
Year 6	Wilfred	Wilfred has given 100% to everything he has done this week. He brings such enthusiasm to our lessons and always tries his absolute best.

P.E: Jacob for his super gymnastic sequence. Arie – for good co-ordination and eagerness to try all our gymnastic positions. Clay for his super technical movement in gymnastics and being a great role model by encouraging others. Niamh -Amazing in the Christmas PE lesson. Zak-FANTASTIC! Best lesson and showed fantastic listening. Isla C - Respectful and was involved at all times. Joshua Hi- enjoyed himself alongside and showed great listening.

Spanish Awards: Margot was fantastic singing all our Spanish songs this week. Eden was lovely during Spanish singing this week. Teegan produced a lovely Spanish colour by numbers this week. Seb L designed a fantastic Christmas jumper and wrote a super Spanish sentence describing it. Edith always works beautifully in Spanish, trying her best and helping others.

Music: Aida super Nutcracker work this week. Heidi great work in our Nutcracker lesson. Aleston for his super listening and work in our lesson this week. Madila C - excellent focused singing this week. Dottie super composing and performance this week.

Bronze Awards: Well done Daniel, Zach, Tafara, Margot, Jacob Eleni, Dylan, Beatrix, Aida, Chase, Aiydhen and Taylor-May for earning 100 Monster Effort Points

Happy Birthday Skyla, Edith, Vincent, Rosalie, Elma, Connie, Thea and Matilda M

House of the Term: St Teresa's with 1870 points

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 192 points

Attendance: Year 2 with 98.2%

Plugs for Parents...

Parking in the School Car Park: Please could we politely remind parents not to use the car park for dropping off and collecting their children. This applies when you are running late and also when picking up from After School Clubs – please park on the road in these instances. The reason we ask this is three-fold; firstly, pedestrian safety; secondly to reduce incidents of damage to staff cars; and thirdly to reduce the times whereby staff are blocked into the car park by another car. There are of course a few exceptions - if you hold a disabled badge or if you are delivering a bulk load of items to School, say for the Christmas Fair. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Punctuality: We are getting an increasing number of children arriving late every morning. Between 8:40am – 9am there is a steady stream of late arrivals coming in to School which causes disruption in the classrooms and interrupts learning. Please could parents/carers have a push for punctuality in the New Year and arrive at School for 8:30am, thank you.

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 Dodgeball and Basketball Event: An email was sent out this week with information about this Qualitas event. Please complete the consent form as soon as possible, thank you.

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

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

KS2 Young Voices Resources: Don't forget to practice at home! 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: With Christmas right around the corner, millions of families are excitedly anticipating the chance to spend some quality time with each other over the festive season. When everyone's engrossed in their phones or glued to their games consoles, however, genuinely meaningful moments with loved ones can often be difficult to orchestrate. Our Christmas #WakeUpWednesday guide will lend a hand: providing some advice on helping young people to set aside their devices for a while and live in the moment. Even if going full tech cold turkey feels unrealistic, implementing just a few of these tips could still decrease the amount of screen time in your home this festive season – enabling everyone to make the most of it.

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 – 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a Tech-Free Christmas
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- Stocksbridge Leisure Centre – Ultimate Activity Camp (Christmas Holidays)
- Trans Pennine Trail – Activity Pack
- British Heart Foundation – Invitation to Volunteer

Picture News...

This is the question that we will be deliberating next week:

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Twinpike Way, a street in York, is also known as Twinklepike Way as usually in December, every home is lit up with incredible festive lights to raise money for charity. The residents started putting up the lights in 2000 and since then, hundreds of people have come to visit them. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year, partly due to the ages of the residents. Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the donations are typically paid, added to the decision.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts about the decorations in the poster image. Do you like to see homes with lots of decorations outside? Are there any in your local area?
- Can you think of different times when you use decorations? Is there a particular time when you enjoy decorating your home or classroom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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