

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024



Upcoming Events...

Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party/Jumper/Dinner Day
Friday 20 th December	Proud to be Me Cancelled
Friday 20 th December (1:15pm)	Celebration of the Word – The Blessing of the Crib
Friday 20 th December (2:00pm)	School Closes for the Christmas Holidays – Early Finish
Monday 6 th January (8:30am)	Return to School
Monday 6 th January (2:00pm)	Mass – Epiphany
Thursday 16 th January (7:00pm)	SAFFA Meeting Online (Link to follow)
Tuesday 21 st January (3:15-5:15pm)	Parents' Evening (Information to follow in the New Year)
Wednesday 22 nd January (3:15-5:15pm)	Parents' Evening (Information to follow in the New Year)

Proud to be Me... MERCY: *“Read the gospels! This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy.” Pope Francis. “God is merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful.” Pope Francis. The Church also encourages us to perform Spiritual Works of Mercy. These include: being compassionate; being patient with others even if we are being treated unfairly; forgiving others (even if we feel they don’t deserve forgiveness); sometimes giving people more than they deserve. Merciful people do things out of their love and care for others and this helps make the world a better place. Who do you know to be a merciful person? Each time we show ‘mercy’, we open ourselves to receive mercy from God. Each of you say if there is someone to whom you could show mercy this Advent.*

Reception Year 1 Year 2	The whole of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	For their super dedication, perseverance and commitment to produce a wonderful Nativity. Well Done!
Year 3	Connie	Connie has shown real determination and positivity this week and has been on fire with all her learning. Well done Connie.
Year 4	Niamh	Niamh has been a wonderful friend this week, she has shown compassion and generosity. She has been a role model for everyone in class.
Year 5	Hermione	Hermione has been working really hard in maths and has been showing confidence in multiplications including decimal numbers. Well done!
Year 6	Liliana	Liliana has been working so hard this half term. She has produced some beautiful writing this week based on A Christmas Truce.

P.E: Charlotte for staying focussed and practicing her gymnastic routine with care and precision. Dylan for his impressive efforts in gymnastics. Isla H What a STAR!! For working so well her partner to put together a beautiful routine Brilliant work Isla keep it up! Harry & Serah - Both gave all the activities a really good go this week, asking questions to improve and acting on feedback. Myah G & Seb L - both for continuous efforts and fantastic behaviour week in week out in PE.

Spanish: Dylan worked really hard in Spanish this week writing the Spanish colours. Heidi was superb during our Spanish Christmas lesson. Niamh always shows wonderful enthusiasm in Spanish, engaging in every lesson. Esme focussed beautifully in Spanish this week trying really hard during our Christmas lesson.

Best Attendance: Year 2 with 95.7%

House of the Week: St Benedict's with 253 points!

Happy Birthday Skyla and those children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the next few weeks; Sara, Vincent, Rosalie, Connie and Thea.

Bronze Awards go to Isla, Evie, Taylor-May, Arie, Bobi, Gabriel, Eleni, Aida and Dylan for earning 100 *Monster Effort Points* – Well done!

Plugs for Parents...

Christmas Dinner/Party/Jumper Day 18.12.24: 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.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Proud to be Me Cancelled 20.12.24: Due to a number of other commitments on the last day of School, Proud to be

The Blessing of the Crib 20.12.24: Family and friends are invited to join us in the Hall for *The Blessing of the Crib*.

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays 20.12.24: 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.

Piano/Ukulele/Trumpet Lessons: Just a quick reminder that music fees are now due for this Autumn 2 half term. Payment details can be found on the invoice emailed directly from Mrs Fitzpatrick. Please make prompt payment – thank you.

National Online Safety: The holiday season is a time for celebration, relaxation and spending well-earned time with loved ones. While this period will hopefully be calm, it's important that parents and educators acknowledge there are still things we can do to make these weeks as safe as possible for the young people in our care. Of course, it's not immediately obvious what can or should be done to stay safe over the festive season. This free guide offers expert advice on the steps you can take to enjoy a less fraught winter break, safeguarding any youngsters who might be present for the celebrations.

Head Lice are still in School! Please keep checking your child's hair and treat where necessary, as it does stop the spread of head lice in our classrooms.

Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential: The third instalment is due today on [ParentPay](#).

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.

Picture News...



In the news this week

Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film. Wicked shares a different perspective of the events in the magical land featured in 'The Wizard of Oz', prior to Dorothy's arrival. It is the story of Elphaba (a misunderstood witch), who later becomes the Wicked Witch of the West, and her friendship with Glinda, who becomes the Good Witch. Karis Musongole, aged 10 from Manchester, plays the young version of Elphaba.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What have you heard about the film Wicked? Is it something you have seen or would like to see? Ask someone at home. Are they familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz?
- > Do you like performing on stage? Do you like other roles or responsibilities in plays or performances? Talk about the importance of each role and how our different strengths can all be celebrated.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Top Tips for Safety Over the Festive Season
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - December](#)
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- St Ann's [Grown Out of It](#) page (Please use to sell and buy pre-loved St Ann's uniform)
- Sheffield Family Hubs – Coffee Morning
- [Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack – Christmas Edition](#)
- Stocksbridge Sheffield Parent Hub – Being a Parent
- IKON Church – Santa's Grotto
- Inman Pavilion – Craft Club