



# ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,  
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,  
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,  
where all can experience and grow in Christian love  
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,  
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,

## December

Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	TOY MASS <u>10.45am</u> and ADVENT SERVICE <u>6pm</u> ~ both at St George's
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2pm
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 7pm ~ No younger siblings or siblings from the school
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am Toy & Book Sale 20p donation NON UNIFORM DAY for winning House Team Years 3 - 6 CHRISTMAS SERVICE ~ 7pm at St George's Church ~ All families welcome
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY PTA CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term Whole School Mass in the school hall at 2pm ~ Everyone is welcome

## A HUGE Thank you

Many of you have noticed the beautiful nativity scene we have in our office reception area. This wonderful crib and figures were handmade and donated by the grandparents of Florence in St Therese class. I am pleased to say they were both given a Mrs Smith's Superstar sticker!

## Year 3 ~ 6 Christmas Service



Our annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at the church on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing ALL of our children on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> along with their parents, siblings and relatives. It would be great to see as many of you as possible for this special, prayerful evening of readings and carols. Please could you ensure that children arrive at the church dressed in their school uniform, no later than 6.45pm on Wednesday. It would be very helpful if parents could look after children's coats and then send the children to the front of the church where they will be directed to their special place. All parents, siblings and relatives are to sit in the main part of the church.

## Christmas Performances next week

### Year R Nativity

Performances of the Year R nativity take place next Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9.30am and last approximately 30 minutes. All parents, carers and relatives of reception children are welcome to attend. Tickets are not necessary as we should have plenty of space for you all. Entrance will be via the Community Suite.

### Year 1 & 2 ~ 'A Miracle in Town'

Performances take place on Monday afternoon at 2pm and Tuesday evening at 7pm. Children should arrive at 6.30pm for the evening performance. Entrance for the Monday performance will be via the Community Suite. We ask that you arrive no earlier than 6.30pm as the front doors will not open until this time (and it will be very cold outside!)

We ask that you do not come to any performance without a ticket as we are at capacity in the hall. Please do not bring younger or older siblings from our school to the evening performance. All of our children will have the opportunity to see the performance during next week.

### Choir Performance

This week, our choir had three bookings, performing at the Cliffs Pavillion, the Roslin Hotel and Crouchmans Sheltered Housing. I think we could have stayed all day if we took requests! Thank you to Mrs Sayer, Mrs Beales and helpers for organising the choir at these events.

### Christmas Lunch

Next Thursday lunchtime, the children will join together to celebrate Christmas. The children can bring their own special Christmas packed lunch. If your child is in the infants and you have already ordered a normal lunch/special Christmas lunch, you can give your child additional party food/alternative sandwich to bring in. If you would rather they have just the lunch provided, we will still make sure they are in the Christmas spirit! We ask that children do not bring in crackers, as in previous years, some items contained inside have been inappropriate, and possibly dangerous, for school age children.

### Infant lunches for next year

Please make sure your child's lunches for January are ordered by 12 noon next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately if they are not ordered by then you will need to provide a packed lunch for the first week back. Please note that any orders that have been 'repeated until the end of term' will cease and new orders will have to be placed in the new year.

### Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week:

Jason, Leandro, Stanley & Brianna (St Therese)

Chantelle & Adele (St Bernadette)

Callum (St Joseph)

## Head Teacher Awards

Well done to all the children recognised for their achievements this week.

**Dylan** (St Francis) ~ for fantastic improvement in confidence and independence this term

**Harley** (St Therese) ~ for being adaptable and always persevering with his learning

**Eden** (St Elizabeth) ~ for being a shining example to others in everything she does

**Catherine** (St Bernadette) ~ for her enthusiasm and desire to improve on a daily basis

**Holly** (St Joseph) ~ for her perseverance, confidence and achievement in Maths. Keep it up!

**Emily** (St Anthony) ~ for outstanding work in English

**Elise** (St Peter) ~ for outstanding work in English and having a brilliant attitude towards learning

## Birthdays

Congratulations to **Lyric** (St Therese), **Adele** (St Elizabeth) and **Mrs Howell**, who celebrated their birthdays this week.



## Toy and Book Sale

Next week, the School Council will be organising and hosting a table top sale of toys and books. We ask for a 20p donation and all monies raised will be added to the Christmas Fayre total.

## Houseball Success

Well done to St Anne Line house for winning this term's houseball competition.

**St Anne Line (Red) 131**                      **St Margaret Clitherow (Blue) 115**

**St Thomas More (Green) 114**    **St John Fisher (Yellow) 111**

All children who are in St Anne Line house are invited to wear their own clothes on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** with a splash of **RED** to celebrate their team.

## Friends of St George's

The PTA 100 club, which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws, will continue to run during 2016. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. We will be asking for payment in the new year and forms will be reissued in January's newsletter. As said last week, all forms and money to the office please. The committee are also planning another theatre trip, which proved so successful last year. There will be details in the new year.

We would like to thank Emma for starting these things up and hope to be able to continue them for the benefit of the parents, pupils and staff.

## 100% Attendance Award

Congratulations to Years 1 & 4 who have 100% attendance this week. Well done to both classes.

## Breakfast Club ~ Spring Term 2016

Bookings for Spring Term can now be made on WisePay. We ask that if you wish to secure a place for the first week back that you book by **3pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. A reminder that all bookings for Breakfast Club must be made 24 hours in advance

## RAINBOWS

If your child is struggling through a painful experience, and you would like any further information on how we could support them, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Davenport, Mrs Smith or your child's class teacher.



## Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.

God Bless,

*Mrs Smith*