



Friday Update



14th December 2018

Pleas for help:

- Could one of your New Year's resolution be to park with due care and consideration to our neighbours and fellow parents. We had so many phone calls lately regarding drives being blocked, parents going against our voluntary one-way system and near misses. It would help the office so much if we didn't have so many irate phone calls from neighbours and parents. Let's put it right in the New Year and become caring, responsible drivers.
- The weather has been very cold or wet just lately. Please remember that all children should be in winter uniform now and **always** have a **named** coat in school. Thank you.
- We have had several reports of the little hair visitors. Please be vigilant, check your child's hair regularly and treat any affected members of the family. Thank you.

School Panto – Beauty and the Beast

We are looking forward to Beauty and the Beast pantomime next Thursday morning. If you haven't already paid for your child to attend, please can you send the money in by Monday 17th December. At the moment we are unable to pay the production company because we have not received enough money. Please pay as soon as possible to enable the Panto to go ahead. This is a normal school uniform day with class parties during the day. No need to bring food for the parties. Thank you.

Hedgehogs 'It's a Baby'

As you can imagine getting our youngest children to learn their songs, lines and actions is quite an achievement when they have only been with us since September. With guidance from the Hedgehog team, they were wonderful. The costumes were amazing. It is a joy to see them on stage as they portray the true meaning of Christmas and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as they did.

Years 1 and 2 'The Inn-Spectors'

What a wonderful nativity. The children were amazing and gave us an hour out of our busy lives to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. They have been practicing under the guidance of Mrs. De Zoysa and our Year 1 and 2 staff who have worked so hard with them, and I think you will all agree it was worth the effort. We will never forget the amazing donkey!

Year 3 – Carols around the Christmas Tree- 2.30 p.m. in the school hall

We are being entertained by Year 3 next Tuesday as they sing Carols around the Christmas Tree all wearing their Christmas jumpers. They really help us all to get into the Christmas Spirit. Thank you once again to the PTFA for providing the refreshments.

School Choir at the Lighthouse

On Thursday 29th November, our choir took part in the Poole Schools Carol Concert at the Lighthouse. Mrs. Perringwood and Miss Cadby have worked hard with other music co-ordinators in our local schools and the concert was amazing. Those present were given a real treat to see so many children singing so beautifully on stage.

Our School Choir have been busy carol singing at Poole Hospital, Waitrose Supermarket and Tesco Express on Ringwood Road, bringing a little Christmas cheer to patients in the hospital and weary shoppers at Waitrose and Tesco's. All love listening to the children sing.

Senior Citizens and Friends Party

This afternoon we are entertaining some of our senior citizens and friends in the school hall. It is an event that is enjoyed by one and all. They have a wonderful afternoon of entertainment followed by mince-pies, biscuits tea and coffee etc. Thank you to the PTFA who helped to serve and provide the refreshments.

Nurses Drop-In Session – Our school nurse will be in school on Tuesday morning 18th December from 9.00 – 10.00 a.m. If you have any concerns regarding your child's health, please drop-in.

PTFA Christmas Fayre - The Secret Santa Sale was so well supported we have had to run it again today for some of the year groups. Thank you for your support and a big thank you to Claire Neil and the team for organizing this successful event.

Whole School Mass

The whole school are going to St. Joseph's Church to celebrate a Christmas Mass with parents, parishioners and friends at 9.45 a.m. next Wednesday 12th December. This is an annual event that brings us all together to celebrate the Mass in God's house which is very uplifting and spiritual. **We are still looking for people to help us walk with the children to church and back.** If you are available please can you let the office know. Thank you.

Attendance

If you are going away during next week, please can you let the school know by completing the appropriate absence form kept in the reception area. The attendance officer has asked if we can provide medical evidence if anyone is absent either side of a holiday so if your child is sick before or after the Christmas break, causing them to miss school, please can you bring a doctor's note on their return to school. Thank you

Sports Club News and a Plea

All Sports clubs finish today. Clubs will remain the same until February Half Term except Groovy Gang which will cease for now. Gym & Dance presentation Monday 17th at 4.00 for their parents. Mrs. Keohan would be very grateful for any donations of school P.E. kits, football boots, **shin pads** swimming costumes or trunks that your children may have grown out of. Thank you.

Salvation Army Shoe Box Appeal – Thank you so much for supplying so many items or complete shoe boxes or money towards postage for this amazing appeal. We managed to send 42 boxes. A big thank you to Mrs. Lewry for arranging the appeal and to her parents for giving such a kind donation towards the postage. (It costs £5 per box). Also to anyone who helped with wrapping the boxes and the School Council for being so actively involved.

Catholic Children's Society would be very grateful for all your used stamps. Please can you bring them to the school office after Christmas. Thank you.

We are truly blessed in our school to have such supportive families. We have had a really busy term with lots of charity events, PTFA events and school nativities etc. and you have always helped and supported in so many way. A big Thank you to you all.

January 2019

- Monday 7th January - School opens at 8.50 a.m. for Spring Term
- Wednesday 16th January – Upper School Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 9.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 30th January – Year 1 Liturgy lead by Miss Dean's class 9.15 school hall
- Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February inclusive – Spring Half Term – School Closed

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas with your families and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year on 7th January 2019.

Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the humility of the shepherds, the faith of the wise men and the Peace that Jesus brings, fill you hearts and your homes this Christmas and forever more.

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If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers
Mr. McDermott, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hardwick.*