



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Thank you all of those who joined us for Mass on Sunday with Bishop Timothy. This was a wonderful occasion and Bishop Timothy commented on how lovely it was to see so many children from St Mary of the Angels and how well they represented us as a school. He also gave particular mention to the children who proclaimed the readings and read beautifully. Well done, all.

We lit our second candle of Advent this week and thought about the symbols of peace and how we can bring peace to others. The children are responding really well and could think of lots of ways in which they are preparing for Jesus.

A huge well done to our school choir who performed for some members of our parish on Monday afternoon. Their behaviour and attitude was excellent and their singing beautiful! Thank you to Mrs Amann and Mrs Lee for coordinating and supporting this. We also received some lovely comments from the audience!

In other musical news, some of our very talented and hard-working musicians performed in a concert on Thursday afternoon. Wow, we are so blessed to be able to be the audience for such a fantastic Christmas concert - keyboard, violin, guitar, drummers and the choir. This was a wonderful Christmas treat. A huge thank you to all of our music teachers and Mrs Amann, Mrs Ray and Mrs Harvey for coordinating the event.

Well done to our Reception class who visited Ash End Farm on Tuesday. They had such a brilliant day exploring all of the play equipment and learning all about the animals. They were also very excited about seeing Santa! We received such wonderful comments about their behaviour. They also did us so proud in their Advent Service on Thursday! As well as the whole of EYFS enjoying a fun-packed Disney celebration day today - what a week!

On Tuesday this week, Y1 and Y2 really did shine in their terrific Christmas performance. As is the case when our children get on stage, they were thoroughly professional in their work, whether they were actors, singers, narrators - all of them were incredible and a credit to their teachers and parents alike!

We are reminding children of behaviour and expectations in school as the excitement of Christmas is building and term brings to a close next week. Behaviour expectations remain. We are sure that they will do us proud throughout a very busy week, including the carol service, Christmas lunch, art and craft day and the disco.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kind regards, Mrs Hill

Peer Mentors

Our Peer Mentors led us through a super assembly this morning, teaching us about the work of Jesus in healing the paralysed man and how the people around the man worked together in determination and support of the man. This enabled him to share his faith with Jesus.

In keeping with this theme, children from each class received awards for 'Collaboration'. This is our key learning behaviour and life skill that has been shared with the children this half term. Children also received awards for brilliant behaviour and progress with their presentation and handwriting, as well as earning a record number of Dojo points!



Christmas Wishes

Our Mini Vinnies have asked that, instead of sending Christmas cards, please take the time to send Christmas wishes via our Padlet - following this QR code. We can be stewards of God's creation by saving paper. If you could make a small donation on the gateway, instead of spending money on Christmas cards, this will all go towards Cafod world gifts for children who live overseas. Thank you so much.



The children will make one Christmas card in class and these will be distributed so that every child has one.





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Notices

- We have decorated our beautiful Christmas tree this week. (Thank you to the Guest family.) It looks wonderful.
- It has also been lovely to see the Mini Vinnies Advent ideas come to fruition with gifts for the Thomas Project coming in to school this week for those in need. Thank you so much for all your donations 😊. They have been sent to the Thomas Food Bank, who will distribute them on our behalf.
- Wednesday will be a Christmas lunch for the children. Please see the flyer sent this week. It is also our PTA disco day. (Please see the flyer and pay via the gateway by Monday 15th at the latest). The children are welcome to wear non-uniform on this day. Christmas jumpers optional. The PTA are also organising a visit from Santa for the children on Wednesday with a gift for every child. How exciting! Thank you, PTA.
- Last but not least, thank you to our wonderful PTA who have worked so hard to put together our Christmas fayre this afternoon and a huge thank you to everyone for all of your wonderful donations. It couldn't go ahead without all of your support and kindness. We appreciate that this is a busy and expensive time of year and are so grateful for everyone's support and generosity, however big or small. We hope you enjoyed the festive afternoon and look forward to sharing with you how much money was raised soon.



Events

- Week beginning 15th December EYFS Nativity video will be shared with parents
- Wednesday 17th December - Non-uniform / Christmas jumper day. Children will have a Christmas themed lunch on this day and will take part in some Christmas crafts, as well as the PTA discos.
- Thursday 18th December 6:30pm KS2 Carol Service in Church (please see separate letter)
- Friday 19th December 9:15am Mass in school (all welcome)
- Friday 19th December - Term ends at 1:30pm.
- Reconciliation will take place in school for Y4, 5 and 6 before the end of term.

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent.

In Matthew Chapter 11, Jesus said:

"The blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me."

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

