



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 6th December 2019



Dear Parents,

Advent is here! Our Faith Ambassadors led a lovely assembly last Friday introducing this very important season. Mrs Keck donated a beautiful Advent wreath and the first candle was lit. School is looking festive, however the true meaning of Christmas will be our focus and the Faith Ambassador team will be reflecting on how we can prepare for the coming of Jesus with each class at our prayer focus over the next couple of weeks. We will encourage the children to be thankful for everything they have and to think of others less fortunate than they are. That is why our Advent Charity again this year is Mary's Meals Backpack Project. Any monies raised at the nativity, carol service performances and Carol singing at Boundary Mill will also be donated to this charity. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Fr Swift will celebrate mass in school on Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am and all are warmly welcome to attend.

Parking

Please be aware that the entrance drive into school is a shared access drive for both the Convent and the Nursing home McAuley Mount. There are yellow lines along the drive indicating that cars should not be parked there. The drive must be kept clear even at school drop off and collection times. Please do not park on the drive, and use our car park at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.



Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets have gone home with the children this week and we would be very grateful if you could sell these to friends and family for us. If you need more, then please see Mrs Kendall. The money raised will go in the PTA fund to improve our school. This year we are hoping to continue to refresh our EYFS classrooms and also look at saving towards some large outdoor equipment for our playgrounds.

Please send in any raffle prize donations as soon as possible and we ask that the children bring a raffle prize instead of money for Christmas jumper/ own clothes day on the 13th December.

Thank you so much for your continued support.



Nativity Performances and Carol Service

Practices are going well and the children are beginning to learn their lines. Mrs Goffee is beavering away with the music and singing, and costumes are being planned. It is all very exciting!

Tickets for these fabulous performances are available now from the office. All are welcome to attend. Adults £2, Children £1. All proceeds will go to our Advent charity Mary's Meals.



Christmas Disco

Our usual festive disco will take place on Friday 13th December 6-7.30pm. There will be a parents' room in the year 5 classroom where refreshments will be on sale along with Christmas decorations which your children have made. All parents are invited to stay and socialise while the children boogie in the hall. It promises to be a fun evening!

End of term Drama / I Can Showcase

We are very much looking forward to our drama showcase on Monday 4.30 – 5.30pm. All parents welcome to watch. The children will stay in school at 3.30pm to get ready and will need to be collected at 5.30pm. Please ensure the children have their clothes in school on Monday.

Carol Singing

A big thank you to the choir and Mrs Goffee for carol singing at Boundary Mill on Tuesday. They raised a fantastic £135 for Mary's Meals. Well done children.



Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 12th December, Mrs Nuttall will be cooking a Christmas Dinner. If your child is on packed lunches but would like a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, please let the office know and send in £4 on Monday.

Sports News

Athletics

Congratulations to our athletic team on their great achievement coming 5th Place in the Large School Sportshall Athletics Finals. They have now qualified to represent Burnley in the small schools Finals, well done to you all!



Basketball

We had a fantastic day at Ellesmere Port Sports Village for the ISA Basketball Tournament. We came 3rd in our group and got to meet the professional Basketball players from Cheshire Phoenix.

Handball

On Wednesday the 3rd December, a team of children from Key Stage 2 played a friendly handball match against St Mary Magdelene's. The match was played in very good spirit and a draw 18-18 was a great result. Well done to our super handball team: you represented the school superbly well.



Football

A huge well done to the Hartley Cup football team who battled through the match giving it their all. They should be proud of themselves despite their 7 – 5 defeat to St Mary's Burnley.

