

Newsletter for the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December



## Preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus, Christ the King.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another busy week it has been in school! Firstly, thank you for your adaptability this week, we fully understand that with school being closed on Monday, it was a major inconvenience to all of our Parents/Carers. I would like to express my gratitude for your patience and support with accessing the remote learning so speedily! You have all certainly earned this week's virtue award! Well done to our wonderful Parents/Carers!



### Peace Class (Year 5) Celebrate Mass

Peace Class (Year 5) visited Church this week with Mrs Drew & Mrs Faulkner, where they celebrated Mass with Father Neil and the Parishioners. Pupils in Year 5 are learning The Angelus prayer as part of their preparations for Mass. We would be grateful of your support with encouraging Year 5 to begin to know this prayer. We hope that as they grow in faith, they share the passion for praying the Angelus as a meditation in our lives as living disciples.



### Next Week's Diary

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Burley Banksy Mental  
Health Project  
(Years 5 & 6)

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner &  
Festive Jumper Day.  
Wear your school  
uniform with a festive  
jumper!

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party Day.  
Pupils can wear their own  
party clothes!

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Whole School Carols  
Around the Tree

Jack & The Beanstalk  
Pantomime

Bishop Marcus Visits  
School

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Nativity Dress Up Day

Santa Visit

Break up at 3.15 pm

### Classroom Kitchen Lessons

Kindness Class (Year 1/2) made some delicious fruit smoothies in class this week as part of their Classroom Kitchen lesson. They used their expert chopping skills to prepare a variety of fruit to make their smoothies. Healthy, nutritious and delicious all in one snack!



### West End Worthy Nativity Performance!

The children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 retold the wonderful story of Jesus' birth in their fantastic Nativity. Their amazing production of the 'The Hopeless Camel' was certainly West End worthy! Our animated narrators from Year 2 retold this wonderful story and we were all mesmerised by the wonderful acting and angelic singing from our children in Years 1 & 2. I was incredibly proud of you all; I know your families felt blessed too!

### Christmas Dinner & Christmas Parties

Mrs Borthwick and her wonderful catering team will be serving a delicious Christmas dinner on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Pupils who do not normally have a school lunch but would like one on this day, please contact Mrs Sharp in the school office to order a lunch for your child. Pupils are also invited to wear festive jumpers with their uniform on this day!

Our class Christmas parties will take place on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Children may wear their own clothes for their Christmas party. Class teachers will send out a letter requesting donations of party food for the event.



### Nativity Dress Up Day!

This year in school we will be having a Nativity dress up day on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Pupils are welcome to come into school dressed as a person (or even a stable animal!) from the story of the Nativity.

Please do not go to any expense for this event as children can come to school adorning a tea towel on their head as a shepherd or a sparkly headband as an angel. It is the sentiment of the occasion that is more important than the outfit!

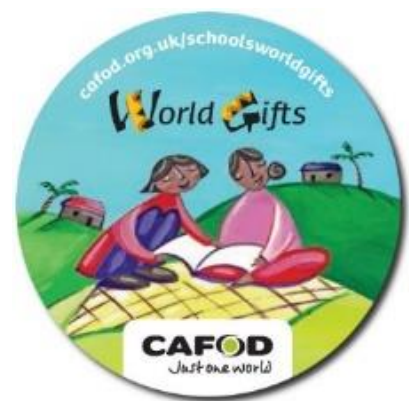
If parents/carers have costumes from previous years which are no longer needed, please feel free to donate to these to school so we can pass these onto other families.



### CAFOD World Gifts

Faithfulness Class (Year 6) will be hosting a CAFOD raffle to raise money for CAFOD world gifts. Raffle tickets are just 50p and pupils will have the chance of winning some festive treats and selection boxes!

The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** so there is still time to support this amazing charity by purchasing a raffle ticket- you never know, you could also win a prize, but you have to be in it to win it!





### **A Message from Father Neil about Sacramental Preparation Years 3 & 4**

Father Neil has asked me to remind you that attendance at Mass on Sunday is important. Therefore, he would like to invite you and your family to start attending Mass with your child, if you are not already doing so. Please do not assume that being in Year 3 or Year 4 is an automatic entry for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, because it is not; commitment is required on your part. The final determination as to whether your child will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist is left to Father Neil (as the Bishop's advisor), and that decision will be based on whether or not your child has engaged with the programme and is attending Sunday Mass each week.

**FIRST CONFESSION:** Children in Year 3 and above. Classes begin in February 202

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Children in Year 4 and above. Classes begin in the Spring term (children must have already made their First Confession in order to join this Class).

### **School Safeguarding Team Update**

Our School Safeguarding team: Mr Bowker, Mrs Waide & Mrs Hartley.

Should you wish to contact us, please do not hesitate to do so. We have a duty of care to protect all of our children and families. If you need to speak further, then please contact a member of the safeguarding team.



**Lord God,**  
*May we, your people, who look forward to the  
birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation  
and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*