

Dear Parents / Carers



Nativity and Christingle

Well done to the children in KS1, the nativity was fantastic. Also, well done to children in Reception and Nursery, the Christingle assembly was amazing and a lovely way to prepare us in readiness for Christmas. The acting, speaking and singing was wonderful. Thank you to the staff who worked so hard to make these events special and to those of you who were able to attend.

Mass Times - CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 21st December

St Vincent's Confessions 10am to 11am

CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Vincent's Children's Mass 5pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Vincent's 11:30 Mass

Choir events

The school choir on Tuesday 3rd December sang at Morrisons and on Thursday 12th December they sang at Johnson's Court. Yet again they were excellent representatives of the school. The children presented a Christmas hamper to the residents of Johnson's Court.

Christmas festivities

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas dinner, thank you to Lauren and the kitchen staff for providing a wonderful meal. On Wednesday 11th December the children proudly showed off their Christmas Jumpers which is a charity event in aid of save the children. If you still wish to donate, please send these in to the school office by Thursday 19th December.

On Thursday 19th December the children and staff are looking forward to our final Service together in the church this year. **Please do join us if you can at 1.30pm on Thursday 19th December. Please remember the school closes at 2pm.**

PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at the Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Staffing

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Jones and Mr Jones will be leaving us at the end of this term. I know you will join me in thanking both of them for all the many years they have given to the school community. Although it is sad to see them go, I wish them all the best for the future.

I am writing to inform you that Miss Clarke and Mrs Dunham, Year Reception teachers, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Both teachers joined us as the maternity cover teacher for Mrs Thornalley. We are very sad to lose them and would like to thank them for their contribution to the school during their short time with us. We wish both every success in their futures. As always, we are subject to strict statutory processes with regards to recruitment and, given the timing of the

resignation, we have a short window within which to make an appointment. We are currently advertising for a full time maternity cover class teacher and will inform you when we have been successful.

Car Park

Can I please insist that when using the car park you do so carefully and respectfully. Ensuring the safety of our children is paramount. Please take care when parking and bear in mind the needs of local residents, and also the safety of the school children in the vicinity of the car park. **Please do not park blocking or on the yellow marked emergency access zone and only park in the marked bays**, do not park behind cars as this is causing visibility issues and a serious danger to our children. If there are no spaces, then you will need to park on the road outside of the car park.

Parentmail

You should have received correspondence regarding the launch of Parentmail. This will improve communication between school and home and will allow parents to book and pay for school dinners, trips and potentially book parent evening appointments. Please make sure that the school office has your most up to date email address so that you receive all future correspondence. Parentmail will launch on Monday 6th January.

Dates and leave of absence requests

Please see dates of events for the Lent term on the school website.

Can I remind all that you need to request, using the form available from the school office, 6 weeks beforehand if you need to take your child/ren out of school during term time please refer to the policy on the school's website. Even in exceptional circumstances you still need to complete the leave of absence request form beforehand. Attendance at school is paramount to children's education, I review each request on an individual basis and will be applying the policy very strictly throughout the year and would not like you to be disappointed or fined!

I hope you have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 6th January 2019** (Nursery – Tuesday 7th January).

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong
Head Teacher

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