ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 17th December 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a very different and challenging term but in the main we have been blessed with relatively low Covid cases which has allowed us to continue to function as a school and concentrate on teaching and learning.

We were very lucky to be able to continue with our Christmas productions and invite parents in to celebrate the gifts of our children, which many schools have not been able to do.

On behalf of all the teachers and staff can I express heartfelt thanks for your continued support and wish you all a peaceful, healthy and holy Christmas.



Mrs McKeating.



We celebrated out Advent Mass with Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with parents and parishioners on Thursday morning. This was such a beautiful mass and was particularly special for our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils as this was their first experience of a school mass. I was so incredibly proud of them and their outstanding behaviour.

A special thank you to Fr Allen and to Mrs Barker and staff for organising such a lovely mass to finish off the Autumn term.

<u>Filming of the Christmas Nativity Play</u>

As you know we had difficulty in finding someone to film the Christmas Plays this year and therefore I recorded them. I have been able to get the films edited and copied on to CD's. This was very rushed and the most efficient way was to send out a Microsoft form for people to click if they would like one and then to pay by Parent Pay. This had to be done in a timely manner in order to get the CD's copied in time for Friday morning. Please do not worry if you missed ordering a copy on time. We can always do an extra order for after Christmas. This year we have put both performances onto one CD to reduce the cost for families and help with the speed of copying.

FAREWELL MISS BEGUM!



Sadly we are saying farewell to Miss Begum today. Miss Begum has been with us for the past two terms and we will miss her greatly in the new year. We wish her all the best and are extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication she has shown to St Johns. Good luck Miss Begum.

Congratulations!

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Arlenn Lamb
Year 1	Colby Edwards
Year 2	Daniel Gargan
Year 3	Faith Morris
Year 4	Ruby Thompson
Year 5	Morgan Veitch
Year 6	Jessica Kelly



Writer of the Week



Year R	Elyza McGough
Year 1	Sophia Davenport
Year 2	Filip Gromek
Year 3	Olivia Blanchard
Year 4	Tom Sturdy
Year 5	Kyan Sharples
Year 6	Leighton Greenall

Achievements!

A big well done to the following children for their achievements out of school;

Felicity B - behaviour award and swimming
Brooklyn T - cheerleading and dance
Harriet O - dancing
Ariana D - Dancing
Phoebe B - running
Heidi M - dancing
Ava T - dancing
Eliza M - dancing
Freddie B - football
Lyla M - dancing



CLASS DOJO WINNERS

Year 1	**Rocco Storer, Lucy Robinson, Daisy Duckworth, Elsie McEvoy, Pippa Beresford**
Year 2	**Phoebe Bridge, Miley Stowe, Seth Molyneux, Lochlann Lamb, Spencer Gardner**
Year 3	**Ava Tattersall, Ruby McWilliam, Alexus Mortimer-McGuire, Emily Baines, Ellie Mackey**
Year 4	**Alfie Brelsford, Ruby Thompson, Monika Poranska, Henry-Jack Crossley, Rafael Pinto**
Year 5	**Oscar Entwistle, Grace Rushton, Alana Riding, Alex Graham, Max Mannion, Morgan Veitch**
Year 6	**Lucas Potter, Joshua Mount, Harvey Savage, Jessica Kelly, Finlay Clarke, Leo Earnshaw**

Christmas Choir Concert



On Thursday evening, the School Choir sang at a concert at St. Peter's Church in Burnley. They were absolutely fantastic, sang their hearts out and spread lots of Christmas Cheer. I am so proud of how hard the children in choir have worked this term, they represented our school brilliantly. We were lucky enough to listen to Burnley Municipal Choir during the concert and the children sat beautifully and enjoyed their programme. Well done again children, I am so proud of each and every one of you.



Well done to our GIFT team for raising over **£280** from the sale of their reindeer hot chocolate cones and reindeer food pouches.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND BLACK HAT WINNERS!



The Christmas raffle and the Black Hat raffle draws have been held this morning in a special assembly and we have lots of happy children going home this evening with additional gifts and treats to be enjoyed over the Christmas holiday.









Our Christmas raffle winners are; Lyla McBreen, Jenson Frost, Evelyn Bailey, Will Harrison, Heidi Mansell, Ava Hepper, Heidi Mansell, Emilia Lockett, Evelyn Bailey, Max Mannion, Oliver Sharples, Eden Morrison, Phoebe Bridge, Ruby McWilliam, Heidi Mansell, Kyan Sharples.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Christmas Eve 24th December—Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Christmas Day 25th December—Mass at 10.45am

Sunday 26th December—Feast of the Holy Family at 11.00am.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS—SEPT 22

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for Primary School places for next September is **15th January 2022.**

Applications can be done online using the following link—

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/

Please note that a supplementary form will have to be completed for faith schools.

We would just like to say a huge thank you to Lyla Mulrooney's Grandma who knitted this wonderful nativity scene for Reception class. The children have thoroughly enjoyed re-enacting the story with the different characters.



Well done to **Lyla McBreen** from Reception class who was chosen by the MP Antony Higginbotham as runner up in the Christmas card competition! Congratulations Lyla!



School re-opens on **Wednesday 5th January.**
We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year!