



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of term, well done! It has been a super busy week in school.

On Sunday afternoon, the choir joined the Salvation Army in Winton at their 'Carols for the people' concert, raising funds for their work in our local community. They performed beautifully, and I am very grateful to them, and to Mrs Jones and Mrs Smith for their hard work.



On Monday morning, the volunteers from the Food Bank came to collect all your donations for the reverse Advent calendar – they were bowled over by the amount collected – thank you for your generosity.



In the evening, the Year 4 children led an Advent service of readings, reflection and singing at the Annunciation church. They read and sang beautifully, it was a wonderful way for our families to join together in prayer.

On Wednesday, the children had a super party day. Each year group went into the hall for Christmas lunch – crackers and party hats for all! In the evening, the KS2 children came back to school for a disco, which they really enjoyed (especially the tuck shop). That, plus the games and activities the teachers and TAs had planned – and a visit from Santa to every class - ensured the children had a great day. Many thanks to all the staff for their hard work in making this so much fun for the children!

On Thursday, we joined together for our traditional Nativity Assembly where we share a simple retelling of the Christmas story, with prayers and reflections, and songs from the children's performances.

This morning, we ended the term with our annual Christmas singalong, and then some Christmas bingo with all the classes playing together over Teams! The children looked great in their Christmas jumpers too – it was a lovely, festive way to end the term!

If your child has grown out of their Christmas jumper – please can you send them in to us after Christmas – and we will recycle them next year!

Christmas fundraising

Many thanks for all your support with the Christmas fundraising we have undertaken. The Fun night, Christmas Raffle and Xmas jumpers were all great successes, and we, with all the expenses accounted for, raised £2005.72 – a superb amount which will replenish our PSA funds and really support the work we do in school.

This year, the children decided that they wanted to raise money for Save the Children, and we had collections at the end of the Reception, Year 1 and 2 performances and the Year 4 Advent service – I am delighted to tell you that we have collected £395.65. We will keep the payment option open on WisePay for a few more days, if you would like to contribute to our collections for this important cause.

Goodbye and good luck

Today we said a very fond 'farewell' to Miss Dare – we will miss her care and compassion and her hard work on behalf of the children. We will particularly miss her beautiful singing voice – she has led KS2 singing for the children for the past 8 years! In addition to her teaching time here, Miss Dare attended St Walburga's as a child – she is such an important part of our school family. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her future plans.

5RD parents

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Cleall to our school family in January. We would like to invite the parents of children in 5RD to pop in briefly after school on Wednesday, 3rd January 2024 to meet Miss Cleall and put a face to the name!

Clubs and lunch!

Please don't forget that, apart from SWOOSH and choir, clubs do **NOT** start back until the 2nd week of term, and you will need to collect your child at the usual end of day time. Could you also make sure that your child has a packed lunch if you have missed the deadline for ordering hot school lunches. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of myself and all the staff, for your cards, gifts, and good wishes this Christmas – you are very generous and your kind words are very much appreciated. I would also like to thank all the staff at the school for their hard work this term.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Tuesday, 2nd January.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas, and a blessed New Year.

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