



Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Reception, Year 1 & 2 Nativity performances – I do hope you enjoyed them! Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children for this. The children chose to raise money for Save the Children, thank you to all who have donated at the performances. We will be collecting again at the Year 4 service on Monday night, but if you want to donate, we have made it available for you to do so via WisePay. Thank you for your generous donations to the Reverse Advent Calendar- the Food Bank are coming to collect on Monday, and I am sure they will be delighted with your generosity.

We have a busy week planned for next week – so there is lots of information in this newsletter!

On **Monday**, 11th December the **Year 4** children should be dropped at the Annunciation church at 8.50pm for their rehearsal. In the evening, the children need to be at the church at 6.15pm, as the Advent service starts at 6.30pm. Please do not arrive earlier than 6.15pm, as the church will not be open. We have the whole church for this event, so each family can bring approximately four people. I am sure this will be a super start to our last week of school. For all the other children, Monday is a usual school day.

Tuesday, 12th December is a usual school day.

Wednesday, 13th December is our Christmas party day! The children can come to school wearing party clothes – please remember they will be outside at play time and lunch time so need suitable footwear and a coat.

There are two discos in the evening – one for children in **Year 3 and 4** from 5.00pm to 5.45pm, and one for **Years 5 and 6** at 6.00pm to 6.45pm. Please drop your child off at the main reception, and please take their coat home with you as there won't be any where to put coats in the school. When you collect your child, please come through the front entrance and leave via the music room / key stage 1 playground. There is no charge for this event, thanks again to the PSA. There will be a tuck shop – the sweets are very cheap so children must not bring any more than £2.00 maximum. NB: all children must be collected by an adult, and no child is to bring a mobile phone with them. **If you are able to help at either of these events, please let us know on the gate or via the office.**

Thursday, 14th December is a normal school day, children should wear uniform, apart from the children in St Anne's house (see below).

On **Friday**, 15th December, the children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers! They can wear them over their uniform, or wear their own clothes on their lower half – which ever they prefer. School will finish at 2.50pm that day as usual.

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to all of you who have bought numbers for our super Christmas Raffle – don't forget that **9.00am on Monday 11th December** is the deadline for buying tickets, as we will be drawing the raffle on Christmas Party day (13th December).

Christmas cards

Our Christmas 'postal' service is now open! If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends, they can put them in our post

box and they will be delivered. Please put the class or year group on to help the posties!

Clubs

All after school activities have now finished for the term and will be returning the second week in January (apart from SWOOSH and Choir, which restarts on Friday 5th January).

School Meals

The deadline to order a school meal for the first week after the Christmas holiday is **Thursday 14th December at 9am**. Orders cannot be taken after this time and you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.

Starting school in September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they are due to start in Reception in 2024. Please spread the word among your friends that we are open for admissions! Don't forget that the deadline for applications is 15th January 2024 – you must have applied online at BCP, and submitted all paperwork to us by then.

Housepoint winners

Well done to the children in St Anne's house, who have won the housepoint challenge this half term! They can wear mufti (with something blue) on Thursday, 14th December.

Stars of the Week

Super Role Model:

RP: All of RP; RJ: All of RJ; 1JC: Cameron; 1WH: Martina; 2NW: all of 2NW; 2ML: all of 2ML; 3BM: Lily; 3NL: Olivia; 4CY: Abigail; 4CR: Vanessa; 5RD: Klaudia K & Joel; 5RH: Filip; 6KB: Yagmur; 6PM: Evie.

Learning Champion

RP: All of RP; All of RJ; All of 1JC; All of 1WH; 2NW: lara; 2ML: Sophia; 3BM: Klara; 3NL: Mila; 4CR: Tiago; 4DC: Presley; 5RD: Zac & Imogen; 5RH: Luca; 6KB: Imogen; 6PM: Gracie.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 11 th Dec	6.30pm	Year 4 Advent Service at the Annunciation Church
Wed 13 th Dec	All day	Christmas Party Day
Wed 13th Dec	5.00-5.45pm	Year 3 and 4 Disco
Wed 13th Dec	6.00 – 6.45pm	Year 5 and 6 Disco
Fri 15 th Dec	2.50pm	End of term
Tues 2 nd Jan 2024	8.40am	Spring term starts for children

Wishing you a lovely weekend

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