



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 11th December 2015

*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn,
love and respect one another to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Infant Nativity

Once again, our youngest pupils in school amazed us all this week with their beautiful and reverent performances of 'The Sleepy Shepherd'. The children shone, like the stars they are, with their beautiful singing, speaking and acting. It was an honor and a privilege to watch them re-enact and remind us, in their own very special way, of the true meaning of Christmas. I would like to thank the staff and helpers for all their efforts and hard work supporting the children in preparation for their performances with costumes, displays, powerpoint and music. Finally we thank you as parents, relatives, friends and parishioners for your support. We are extremely proud of our wonderful boys and girls. Well done!

Year of Mercy

Tuesday, 8th December was the start of the 'Year of Mercy' ordered by Pope Francis. The Pope wants us all to think of Jesus' words, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Lk 6:36)"

On Tuesday, two of our Pupil Chaplains attended a special Mass at the Cathedral in Salford to bless and launch the door of Mercy.

Throughout the year there will be lots of events to celebrate this special time in our faith and our school will be receiving the door of Mercy in February.

Purple Monday

On behalf of the Pupil Chaplains can I remind you that the children may, once again, wear an item of purple clothing on Monday alongside the remainder of their full school uniform to help us to celebrate this very special season of Advent.

Friends Christmas Fair

Last Friday the Friends held their annual Christmas Fair. This was a wonderful community event, the hall was full and £681.32 was raised. Thank you to all the Friends and adults who helped out with the preparations and on the day.



Pantomime

On Thursday the whole school attended the Pantomime at The Grand. They had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the production of Jack and the Golden Staircase of Clitheroe. We thank the actors and the Gap team for making us so welcome. The children, as always, demonstrated impeccable behaviour.

Choir

The Choir have been busy continuing their carol singing at Booths and Sainsbury's over the past week. I had the privilege of joining them on Tuesday and they were truly amazing.

So far £1,105.00 has been raised for our Charities.

Flu Vaccination

Back in October a Flu consent form was sent out for parents to authorise whether their child, in Year 1 or Year 2, could be given the flu vaccination in school. This vaccination will now take place next Thursday, 17th December.

Next Week at School

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| Saturday 12 th December | - | Choir singing outside M&Co - 10.00am/12 noon |
| Monday, 14 th December | - | Choir to sing at Mearley Fold - 1.30pm |
| Tuesday, 15 th December | - | Juniors can attend school in non-uniform during the day as it is the Junior Carol Concert, in Church, at 6.30pm when full school uniform needs to be worn |
| Wednesday, 16 th December | - | Music Concert - 9.15am (Parents welcome) |
| Wednesday, 16 th December | - | Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday, 17 th December | - | Flu Vaccinations for Years 1 & 2 |
| Thursday, 17 th December | - | Junior Party - non-uniform for Juniors |
| Friday, 18 th December | - | Christmas & Advent Recital - 1.30pm |
| Friday, 18 th December | - | School closes for Christmas - 2.30pm |
| Monday, 4 th January | - | School Inset Day |
| Tuesday, 5 th January | - | School re-opens to pupils |

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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