



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 18th 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

During Advent we have been talking to the children in school about Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. I would, therefore, like to wish you all a Peaceful and Joyful Christmas filled with Love and Hope for the New Year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 5th January 2016.

Once again, this week, we have been overwhelmed by our wonderful children and all of their achievements.

Welcome New Additions

This week Mrs Coar, our Cook, became a 'Nanna' as her new baby grandson Jason Michael Alpe was born. We also welcome Sienna a new sister for Sam in Year 5. Congratulations and best wishes and welcome to the extended SSMJ family Jason and Sienna.

Junior Carol Concert

Well done and thank you to the Junior children for their fabulous performance on Tuesday evening. It was lovely to see the Church full of parents, friends, relatives and parishioners offering support and sharing this special event with us. The children helped us to take time and to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Their speaking, acting and singing was truly exceptional. Our Pupil Chaplains performance of 'O Holy Night' was truly beautiful and very moving.

Thank you to all the staff who worked as a team to prepare for this concert. We also thank you for your kind donations towards our selected Charities for this Advent - The Sally Hickling Trust and Cancer Research. We will provide you with a final total as soon as we have this. It is approximately £1,763.00 - amazing! We significantly exceeded our hopes of £1,200 - thank you.

Christmas Dinner Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Coar and her team for preparing and serving 184 Christmas dinners to the children and staff. We had a wonderful time and the food was delicious, as always.



Music Concert

On Wednesday we were treated to a wonderful music concert with some of our children playing their musical instruments which included the piano, keyboard, guitar and trombone. Thank you to Mr Lee, Mr Bird, Mrs Lorriman and Mr Hacking for teaching the children and to Mr Lee for being our Compare for the performance. Once again it was an honour to see our talented children performing for us.

School Choir

I would like to thank and congratulate our school Choir for their efforts over the past few weeks singing at local supermarkets, in the town centre and at Mearley Fold. The Choir have supported our fundraising efforts for our chosen Charities - The Sally Hickling Trust and Cancer Research and have entertained the community, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback. Thank you to all staff who have prepared the children, and the staff and parents who attended and sang with them and to Mrs Lambert, for co-ordinating/leading this.

The Choir are singing for their final time, this year, at Clitheroe Hospital on Sunday.

Parties

Last Friday, the Infants thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party and were visited by a very "special guest" who brought them all a gift. Thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule, at this time of year, to put a smile on the faces of our boys and girls. Also, we thank the parent helpers and 'Friends of SSMJ' for their support with this.

Yesterday our Juniors enjoyed their party day with lots of fun and games had by all. They also received a gift from Santa for all their efforts this year.

Sports Clubs

You should have received a letter yesterday advising whether your child has been accepted for the before and after school Sports Clubs. If the Club is oversubscribed and your child has not received a place they will be put on the waiting list.

All Clubs begin week-commencing Monday, 11th January for 4 weeks. Clubs will not take place week-commencing Monday, 8th February and will then recommence Monday, 22nd February for 4 weeks.

Team Points - Winner

The winning house for this term is Bolton. Well done children. The staff in the blue team organised a treat for all members of the Bolton team which took place today. Well done!

Volunteers and Students

This term we have had a number of students and volunteers working with us in school. Although too many to mention individually, we would like to thank you all for working with us and being part of our wonderful school community.

School Admissions

If you have a child due to start Primary school, in September 2016, then you need to apply online at: www.lancashire.gov.uk The closing date for Primary school applicants is Friday, 15th January 2016.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass

On Christmas Eve, carols at church at 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6.00pm. Christmas Day Mass is at 10.00 am.

The children on the Sacramental program have been given a separate letter about their involvement in the Christmas Eve Mass. Places will be reserved at the front of Church for immediate family only.

Final Assembly of the Year

Our final assembly, led by our children, will be at 1.30pm today.

End of Term

Children break up for the Christmas holidays today, Friday, 19th December at 2.30pm. All children will need to be collected by an adult at this earlier finish time.

School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday, 5th January 2016.

On Behalf of the Staff

The Staff and I would like to thank you for all the cards and gifts received.

The Governors, Staff and I wish you a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2016.

Mrs Z Mabbott