



ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Weekly News & Information

10th December 2021



Diary Dates

Mon 13th Dec
PTFA Santa's Sweet Shop

Mon 13th Dec
Magician—afternoon visit

Mon 13th Dec
Christmas Chocolate Raffle
Draw

Tues 14th Dec
Y3 Advent Liturgy
(Hall—9.00)

Tues 14th Dec
Y5 Potteries Museum

Wed 15th Dec
Christmas Jumper, Dinner
& Party Day

Wed 15th Dec
Party Games & Disco
Nursery, Rec & KS1
(morning)

Thurs 16th Dec
Carol Concert
KS2 in Church @ 9.30

Fri 17th Dec
Party Games & Disco
Lower KS2 & Upper KS2
(afternoon)

Fri 17th Dec
School Closes for
Christmas

Tues Jan 4th
School re-opens to all

PARISH MASSES:- SACRED HEART SATURDAY @ 5.00PM AND SUNDAY @ 9.30am.
ST JOSEPH'S BURSLEM—SUNDAY @ 11.30AM, St PATRICK'S PACKMOOR SUNDAY 6.30pm.
Confessions: Sacred Heart 9.00am—9.20am St. Joseph's—11.00am—11.20am

ADVENT

Thank you to all parents who attended our Advent Liturgies this week.. They have been a great way to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We have one more Advent Liturgy to be delivered by Year 3 on Tuesday 14th December. All are welcome.

On Thursday 16th December, it is the KS2 Carol Concert in church at 9.30am. In order to limit numbers, we ask that only one parent per child attends as space is limited due to pupils sitting in the pews.

On the morning of Friday 17th December, KS1 and KS2 pupils will take part in an Advent Retreat, led by One Life Music. This will be accessed remotely by each class and coordinated by staff in school. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a school and focus on coming of Jesus Christ into our lives at Christmas.

Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One

We are very proud of all of our Early Years and Key Stage One pupils who performed their Nativities this week. They were amazing! I am sure you were as proud of them as we were. They have helped all of us to prepare for Christmas, by focusing on what Christmas is about.

It has also been fantastic to come together as a school community at this Holy time of year

Nursery

The Nursery children had a fantastic time on Tuesday. They went to see Cinderella at the Newcastle College Performing Arts Centre. The performance was very entertaining and the children had an amazing time! They loved all of the special effects and the actors and actresses were very friendly and welcoming.

CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE HAMPER RAFFLE

The draw will take place on
Monday 13th December

A big thank you to all
parents for the donations of
chocolate



A word from
Pope Francis

*"May the joy of the
Gospel be always in our
hearts, especially this
Christmas"*

Hydration of Pupils

I am sure that you will agree that it is really important that pupils drink regularly to stay healthy and remain hydrated. As part of our commitment to pupil well-being, last week and this week, staff have monitored the hydration of pupils in their classes to find out if children are taking up that opportunity to drink enough water regularly throughout the day.

Following collation of all the information, we are delighted with the outcome of the fact find as the majority of pupils are drinking regularly throughout the day. We do, however, have a small number of pupils who are not drinking enough water. Where staff have noticed this or have noticed that pupils did not have a water bottle in school, individual parents will be contacted directly to share this information so that you can support us with ensuring that children are hydrated. If you yourselves have any concerns about your child's intake of water, please contact the school office and we will liaise with the school nurse to offer advice on how to encourage pupils to drink more water.
Thank you for your continued support.

Santa's Sleigh Run

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have had a fabulous time this morning taking part in Santa's Sleigh Run inter-house games with Mr. Sigley. The children were so enthusiastic as they competed against each other.

The winning house was
St. Aiden

NEXT WEEK

The children have lots to look forward to next week. There will be the visit from the Magician which has been organised by the PTFA as a special treat.

Party Day is on Wednesday (whole school)

Early Years & KS1 Disco organised by the PTFA will take place on Wednesday 15th with KS2 having their disco on Friday 17th in the afternoon.

These events are in addition to the religious activities that will be taking place as outlined overleaf.

RESILIENCE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Jackie Kelsall, our Safeguarding Officer and Family Support Worker, has contacted Diamond Families to arrange a workshop for parents. The theme will be "Resilience". It is hoped that this will support parents with mental wellbeing as we continue to navigate difficult times. Unfortunately the 9th December has had to be postponed. More details will follow once we have a new date.



EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST OPEN FROM 7.30AM

All places will need to be booked in advance on a Monday previous to the week required and paid for in full. We will be operating a strict booking system and so your support with this procedure is appreciated. Please note that we cannot accept any bookings outside of the above criteria and you will be turned away unless you have a booking.

You will need to email kcook@stwilfridsnewman.co.uk with your requirements. Please supply your child's name/s, class, mornings required and confirm that you have paid in full on scopay.

The cost from September will be £3.50 per child per session and is payable on scopay.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent, would you please use the absence email address -

absence@stwilfridsnewman.co.uk
(giving name, class and detailed description) or telephone the school office to let them know.

Thank you