



St. Paul's Newsletter

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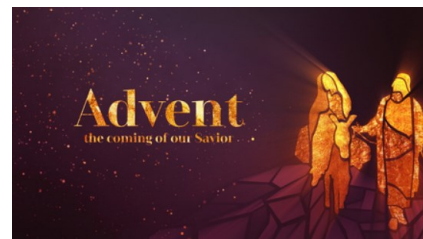
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Advent

Our Christmas preparations are well underway. This is such a busy time of year, it is so easy to lose sight of what the preparations are really all about. We always try to give children time to reflect during advent and find some space between the hustle and bustle of Christmas and the spiritual preparations.



Advent Prayer Bags are now in circulation for each class. When your child brings it home, please do try and make time to look at and talk about the contents. It only takes a few minutes.

On Monday 10th and Monday 17th, there will be prayers for all in the school chapel at 8.30am led by Mrs Hinchey. If you would like to join us, please arrive at school at about 8.25am and enter via the school hall. It will be about 10 mins.

Key Dates or the rest of term

Wednesday 12th December: Advent Mass at 9.30, St Paul's Church. All welcome

Thursday 13th December: Reception Nativity at 2pm and 6pm in school hall. (helpers needed for refreshments, please email fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk). Helpers get reserved seats!

Friday 14th December: Christmas Shopping morning for children. Children may wear Christmas jumpers.

Friday 14th December: Christmas Fair for all 3.30pm-5.30pm

Wednesday 19th December: School Christmas Dinner day. Christmas fancy dress day for The Grand Appeal

Thursday 20th December: KS2 Carol Service 6.30pm, St Paul's Church

Friday 21st December: Carol Singing at Yate Shopping Centre (10.30am)

Friday 21st December : END OF TERM

Monday 24th December: Christmas Eve Family Mass at St Paul's Church 6pm

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Chaplaincy News

The Chaplaincy team thanks you for your support with their Apostleship of the Sea Christmas appeal. The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic Charity which supports seafarers around the world. When ships dock in ports, the Apostleship of the Sea are there to give both practical and spiritual assistance.

The Apostleship of the Sea group based at Sharpness docks visited St Paul's to

talk to the Chaplaincy team about life for the seafarers. Many seafarers are away from family for months at a time, often unable to have regular communication with their families.

We have collected donations of chocolate bars that will be given to the seafarers when they are visited by the Apostleship of the Sea. To us, a chocolate bar may seem like a small donation, but it means so much for the

seafarers.

You have been so generous. We will announce the final total in assembly when we hand over the chocolates on Monday 10th December.

There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most chocolate bars.



Attendance

Every day at school matters. At the end of each month we under take an analysis of attendance for each child. If your child dips under 95% attendance, this will be flagged to you by letter. If attendance continues to decline, we will investigate the pattern with you, offering support as appropriate.

Current whole school attendance is 96.9%, year group with highest attendance is Year 2 (again!) with 98.1%

Christmas Eve Family Mass

As last year, we will be working with the leaders of the Children's Liturgy Group at St Paul's Church so that the school and Parish group can work together to provide support for the liturgy during the Christmas Eve Mass.

The children will take part in the readings, prayers and creating a tableau to tell the Christmas story. They will also of course be singing and leading some songs.

Those interested can see the children's liturgy group after 11.00 Mass this week or next but if anyone is unable to come to the Masses then just let me know so I can make sure the children can be included.

There will also be a run through on Saturday 22nd at 11.45am

Parish Bazaar

A message from the Parish:

"Thank you so much for your support at Saturday's bazaar.

At Mass, many people approached me to say how much they enjoyed Saturday, with special mention of the children's singing.

Please pass our thanks to the children and their families."

Christmas Fair 14th December 3.30pm-5.30pm

Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations you have already sent in for the lucky dip, chocolate tombola and the jar tombola. We are still collecting teddies for a teddy tombola. Don't forget for each donation, your child will be entered for a prize draw.

Christmas Fancy Dress

On Wednesday 19th December, to coincide with our school Christmas dinner day, we will be having a fancy dress day to raise money for The Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital. Children can wear their own clothes, fancy dress, Christmas jumpers— anything they want really! Be inventive and creative. Suggested donation: £1 please.



Christmas Shopping

Friday 14th December,

Children will come to the hall, class by class to do some Christmas shopping for family or friends. General principles of the event are to allow children to have a shopping experience.

Prices are 50p, 80p, £1 and £1.50

Please send children in with a maximum of £5, preferably in coins.

They will be able to buy 5 presents.

Please provide pre-written gift tags.

Please provide a bag to take the gifts home.

The gifts will be wrapped and ready to put under the tree.

St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Yate Sundridge Park, Yate BS37 5EP



Raffle	tombolas	Hot chocolate
Refreshments	Usborne books	Arts and crafts
Lots more ...	It might even SNOW!	

Christmas Fair

14 December 2018

3.30pm to 5.30pm

Meet Santa




fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk
 Or ring 01454 866790

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

December:

12th: Advent Mass 9.30; Advent Confessions (Yr 4 upwards)

13th: Reception Class Nativity 2pm and 6pm

14th: Christmas Shopping Morning

Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm

19th: School Christmas dinner

20th: KS2 Carol Service 6.30pm (St Paul's Church)

21st: Last day of Term 2

January 2019:

7th: Term 3 starts

11th: Swimming Starts for Year 4

16th: Year 1 Class Family Worship (10.15am)

18th: Year 5 class assembly (3.00pm)

23rd: Young Voices Concert

25th: Friends meeting 9.00am

February:

1st: Year 4 Class Assembly (3.00pm)

5th: Safer Internet Day

8th: Year 6 Life Skills Centre visit

13th: Year 2 Class Worship 10.15

15th: Disco Reception and KS1 5.30-6.30

KS2 7.00-8.00

15th: End of term 3