

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly this half-term is going. Advent has begun. I hope the details in this newsletter will help you as things get busier in the lead up to Christmas.

### **Thank you**

To all the parents for supporting last week's parents evenings.

To all of you for your 50ps for Children in Need. The school raised £115. It is great to see this worthy cause so well supported.

To all who supported the Chocolate Tombola. £205 was raised to buy vouchers for the homeless and needy at Christmas as part of the City churches Advent charity.

To all who came along to sing carols on the Guildhall steps on Monday. It was a great occasion.

### **Congratulations**

To our football, hockey and netball teams who have all enjoyed recent successes and have been such a credit to our school.

### **Mrs O'Neill**

Please remember Mrs O'Neill in your prayers. She is recovering at home following an operation on her foot. Miss Adamson will be in charge of the Nursery until her return.

### **School Building Fund**

Reminders will be going out this week to those who have forgotten to pay this term's Building Fund. The contribution is less than 50p a week and enables our school building to be developed into the school your child and children of the future deserve. You have chosen to send your child to a Catholic school, so please show your commitment by paying the School Building Fund.

### **Playground Development**

I hope you all think that the new shelters are a welcome addition to our playground. I would ask that older brothers and sisters refrain from 'playing' in them at the end of the day. Parents are of course most welcome to sit in the main shelter to wait for their children.



## **Milk Money**

If you would like your child to have school milk next half term please can you send in £4 before the end of term. (Milk is free for children until they are 5).

## **Christmas Production**

Each year we hold a Christmas Raffle, tickets are on sale at the Christmas production and the draw takes place at the end of term assembly.

## **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Don't forget tonight is the parents' meeting for all those whose children are preparing for their First Holy Communion. The meeting will be in the Cathedral Centre at 7.00 p.m.

## **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Children's University will be holding their Christmas Workshops at our school, for all those who have got a place.

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

There will be an Advent service at the Cathedral at 4.00pm. All are welcome at this celebration.

## **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

All slips need to be returned by today to book your child's Christmas dinner. **Please do not send money in until next Monday.**

Infant costumes to be brought into school for the Christmas production.

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

50p in today please for next week's Christmas party. I need to do the shopping at the weekend.

Today is our Christmas production in the Cathedral at 2.00 p.m. I do ask that younger brothers and sisters do not attend. This is the only occasion in the year when I ask you to make other arrangements for siblings.

All children will need to be collected from **the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m.**

## **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

All the children preparing for their First Holy Communion will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time today at the Cathedral's Penitential Service at 11.00 a.m. Please remember the children in your prayers.

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

The post box will be ready today to receive any Christmas cards the children want to give to their friends or the staff. Please make sure that the envelope is marked with the name and class of the child it is intended for.

For all those who have already booked Christmas dinner, the £1.60 for the dinner is due in today.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

The children will be having a Christmas party this afternoon. The children will need to bring clothes to change into for the afternoon.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

This is Christmas dinner day for all who have booked it.

Parent Governors and friends have organised a disco for this evening.

The Infant disco will be from 3.30 – 4.45pm and the Junior disco from 5.00 – 6.30pm

Please return your slip and £1 to the office to buy a ticket.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Our end of term assembly and awards presentation will take place at 9.00 a.m. today.

Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration. I am aware that St. Edmund's will have broken up by this day. I do ask that St. Edmund's pupils do not attend the assembly as we will simply not be able to fit all the parents in if they come.

Term ends at **1.30 p.m.** today.

The new term starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45 a.m. Don't be late!

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

On Christmas Eve there is a very special Mass at 6.00 p.m. especially for children. It's always lovely when the children come along dressed as angels, shepherds, kings, etc. Do try and bring your children along to this Mass or the 10.30 a.m. on Christmas morning so that they can remember and celebrate the real reason for our Christmas celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher