



Love, learn and grow together

Christmas Letter From The Headteacher

Everyone has worked so hard this term and we have achieved so much together. A special thank you to all the teachers, teaching assistants and student teachers at school who have worked tirelessly to enrich the lives of our children and teach them so much. Our internal data is looking very good with progress being made across the school.

Thank you to all our Fundraising Friends who have raised money throughout this term to provide extra equipment and resources and thank you to all the families who supported the events with donations and by coming along to join in the fun. A special thank you to our office staff, cleaners and caretaker who work so hard to keep our school running smoothly and looking so good and to our school governors who are so committed to St Peter and St Paul School and Parish Community. All our families are invited to attend any mass over the Christmas season - please pick up a newsletter in the foyer with dates and times.

We received our full RE Inspection report this week grading us as good in six categories and outstanding in three - specifically in how we work together to promote Catholic life in school. The full report is on our website so please take a look. There are some lovely comments about our teaching of RE, the work our children have completed and our delivery of Collective Worship.

We have some exciting plans for the new year, including a new pedestrian entrance, a forest school and a bigger early years outdoor play area. Mr Quinn will be introducing 'Football Friday' (cheers from Year 6) and Mr Finney has just taken delivery of a huge amount of lego technic to make our design technology lessons extra special. A new weekly award for children who read regularly at home will be introduced and our new worship warrior group will begin. Additional well-being classes will start on Tuesdays to complement the Wednesday sessions and we look forward to working with the new pre-school which is being built across the road from school.

I hope you have time for a rest over the Christmas season, enjoy some quality time with family and friends and get at least one little wish - mine is for lots of snow!

I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

Debby Rigby



Snow Queen



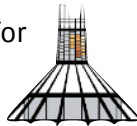
Huge congratulations to all the children who put on such an exciting production of The Snow Queen this week. What amazing talents we have in our school and how proud we all were to see all the juniors working so well as a team.

Putting on a theatrical production develops a special set of skills and talents in our children: leadership, confidence, management, design, organisation, clear and articulate speech, creativity, voice projection, musicality and teamwork. These skills are so important for secondary school and beyond!

A huge thank you to the staff who got fully involved, helping with direction, props, costumes, organisation of children, music and staging.

Cathedral Visit

40 juniors attended the cathedral yesterday for the schools advent service and said it was beautiful, moving and wonderful.



Ballet Dancers

Infant ballet dancers in the Carols by Candlelight "Hallelujah" dance will need white ankle socks and black school pumps for their performance on Monday 16th December. All dresses, shorts, tops and waistcoats will be provided by school and sent home with children on Monday afternoon. Please arrive wearing the outfits and return them on Tuesday morning. Dancers, singers, acolytes and readers should arrive in church by 6.45pm to start at 7pm.

Bingo



Next Wednesday at 6pm in the hall, eyes down 6.30pm. Super prizes, mulled wine, prosecco, chocolates and toys. Families welcome.

Christmas Breakfast

If you would like to eat breakfast with Father Christmas on Thursday 19th December please buy your ticket from the school office for £2.50.

Santa Dash

Juniors: Tuesday 17th December in PE lessons.

Infants: Thursday 19th December in PE lessons.

Bring a Santa hat or any hat of your choosing!



Dates for your Diary



Monday 16th December

- Carols by Candlelight in church 7pm
- Choir, readers and ballet performance, all are welcome to come along and join in.

Wednesday 18th December

- Party Day - arrive wearing party clothes
- Food and drink paid for by fundraising friends
- Christmas Bingo 6pm All welcome!

Thursday 19th December

- Breakfast with Father Christmas 8am - please book by Monday 16th December, so we know numbers for catering
- Christmas Dinner Day
- Christmas Film afternoon in school
- Christmas jumper day bring a coin for charity

Friday 20th December

- Mass 9.15am School finishes at 1.30pm

Monday 6th January

- School re-opens for staff and pupils

Thursday 16th January

- Holy Communion Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 21st January

- Refugee Awareness Talk for Year 6

Friday 14th February

- End of first half-term

Parents in Mind

Expectant Mums and new Mums, who are feeling low, anxious or alone, are able to contact St Helens NCT for help and support.

Just ring: 0300 330 0700.

National Childbirth Trust



★	% Attendance	Number of Lates	Star of the week	Good Manners
Reception	97.7	6	Claudia	Archie
Year 1	95.9	5	Harry	Hudson
Year 2	99.0	2	Darcy-Belle	Analise
Year 3	97.7	1	Ben	Harvey
Year 4	86.1	2	Finley	Grace
Year 5	94.7	6	Olivia	Poppy
Year 6	92.3	0	Molly	Daniel

House points	previous total for this half-term	points this week	new half-term total
Matthew	727	331	1058
Mark	633	295	928
Luke	553	288	841
John	724	320	1044