

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

2nd December 2016 Newsletter



ADVENT

Thank you to Mrs Lynne Simpson, who made fifteen perfect advent wreaths for use in all our classrooms. Thank you to Mrs Josephine Dow, who made one magnificent large advent wreath for the school hall. Thank you to Br James and Mrs Thornton-Hayes for making our Advent Wreath Blessing assembly so poignant on Monday of this week. We considered how each one of us has the potential to be a light in the world.



KEY STAGE 1 CAFES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Year 1 and 2 would like to invite their parents and relatives to visit their cafes which will be open for business on **Monday 19th December at 3pm**. The children have been busy this term designing and learning how to run a profitable café and they will be putting their skills to the test on the 19th. Market research showed that biscuits and cakes were popular, so hand decorated cakes and biscuits will be on sale alongside refreshing drinks. You will be invited to take a seat at your child's café to enjoy your refreshments. Please bring small change with you to make it easier for the children when you pay your bill. Year 1 and 2 are all very excited to see parents, nans, grandads and other relatives on the day.



A TIME TO MEET

We recently held a 'Progressive Parenting' Workshop, it was well received by all the parents who attended, the feedback from parents was all very positive. One parent said that they enjoyed hearing "other ideas from parents and presenters" and "different approaches. Another parent said "It was so interesting and eye opening. I wish we had more time". During the workshop the parents who attended enjoyed meeting other parents, having an opportunity to talk to one another and share ideas. From this session we identified that it may be beneficial to create more informal opportunities for parents to meet, have a cup of tea, make new friends, and promote community cohesion. We have decided to hold regular informal parents' coffee meetings. The first coffee morning will be held on **Monday 12th December at 9am** hosted by Mia Weatherill who is from Bexley's multi-disciplinary Early Intervention Team and is based at St Fidelis every Monday morning.



READING CAFES – NOW HAPPENING IN OUR NURSERY TOO!

Our weekly reading cafés happen every Thursday. Simply come along on a Thursday morning before 9:00am to the main reception area for Reception to Year 6, or stay at the Nursery at drop-off time at 9.00am or 12.30pm. The café lasts just 15 minutes and we know the children love to welcome visitors to their classrooms. If you have been before then you know what to expect- if you haven't then come along- it is really enjoyable!

KEY STAGE TWO DISCO - £475 RAISED FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

The children in our Turnaround Group, alongside Mr Hanna and Mrs Hoban, organised a fantastic Key Stage Two Disco, which took place last Friday. An amazing £475 was raised! Thanks to all who came and danced the night away!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

During the school year each of the classes leads a whole school assembly and the parents and carers for the pupils in that class are invited to come along to be a part of the school community at this time. Please note that different class assemblies will have different start times.

Friday 2 nd December	2:45pm	Yr 5 Sayers Croft assembly
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CHRISTMAS EVENT DATES

Christmas Parish Bazaar Angelus Centre	Saturday 3 rd December 12noon
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 7 th December
*Yr 1 & 6 Advent Mass	Friday 2 nd December 10am
*Yr 3 & 5 Advent Mass	Thursday 8 th December 10am
*Yr 2 & 4 Advent Mass	Thursday 15 th December 10am
* Nursery (Wrens) & Reception Christmas Play	Monday 12 th December 10am
*Nursery (Doves) & Reception Christmas Play	Tuesday 13 th December 2pm
*Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Play	Thursday 15 th December 2pm Friday 16 th December 10am
*Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Service Our Lady of the Angels	Tuesday 20 th December 2pm Wednesday 21 st December 7pm



*Note to new parents: Parents and other family members are warmly welcomed to our Christmas events. No tickets are required, please just turn up.

NURSERY STAY AND PLAY DATE

The next Nursery stay and play session for parents to attend will take place on Monday 5th December and will run from 9.00-9.30am for Wrens and 12.30-1.00pm for Doves. Dates for the spring term sessions are Tuesday 17th January, Tuesday 21st February and Tuesday 21st March 9.00-9.30am for Wrens and 12.30-1.00pm for Doves.

OPEN MORNING

Our next Open Morning for parents whose children are due to start school in September 2017 will take place on Thursday 8th December 2016 at 9.30am. A reminder that if your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you should apply by the closing date of 13th January for our school and you must also register with Bexley Council by 15th January 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Hannon
Head Teacher