

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

24th November 2017 Newsletter



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THIS SATURDAY



The Parish Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday in the Angelus Centre, starting at 12 noon. There will be various stalls and refreshments and of course, Father Christmas will be present. Thank you for your support so far, it is still not too late to send in any suitable items and return draw tickets.

We hope you are able to bring the children along for an enjoyable couple of hours on Saturday.

COMMITMENT MASS

It was wonderful to see our Year 3 children and their families come together to show their commitment to the First Holy Communion at last Sunday's School Mass. A big thank you to the children from Years 4, 5 and 6 who sang so beautifully during Mass in the choir loft.

COMING TOGETHER TO RAISE CASH FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Our annual disco took place last Friday evening and we are delighted to say that we managed to raise a massive **£895** for Children in Need. Thanks to all who helped to make the event a success and for everyone who bought a ticket and came along.



MATHS WORKSHOPS

The Maths Workshops explaining the end of year expectations for each year group took place over the last couple of weeks and these expectations are now available on the school website for you to view. These are saved under the 'parents/carers' section, under the heading of 'workshops'.



CONTACT INFORMATION

From time to time, some parents need to travel away from home – please ensure that the school is aware of this and that we have up-to-date contact information for whoever is looking after your child. If any contact details have changed recently, again please let the school office know so that we can update our computer records.

We are pleased to report that 94% of parents are now signed up for our ParentMail system.

POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP AND COFFEE MORNINGS

Mia Weatherill, our school based social worker, is holding tea/coffee mornings here in the school in St Martha's Kitchen where parents and carers can chat informally about common concerns:

Wednesday 29th November 9:00-10:00am Improving sleep and bedtime routines
Wednesday 13th December 9:00-10:00am Supporting anxiety in children

READING CAFES

Our weekly reading cafes happen every Thursday for all children from Nursery to Year 6. Simply come along on a Thursday morning before 9:00am. The café lasts for 20 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!

WILL YOU BE OUR 500TH FOLLOWER ON TWITTER?

If you haven't already done so, you really should join our followers on Twitter where we upload photos and pieces of work each day from across the school. It is an excellent way to see some of the exciting things that are happening across the school. Follow us at: **@headstfidelis**



NURSERY STAY AND PLAY

The Nursery is once again running stay and play sessions for parents to attend. The sessions will take place across the school year on 28th November, 15th January, 30th January, 6th March, 20th March, 1st May, 22nd May, 5th June, 19th June and will run from 9.00-9.30am for Wrens and 12.30-1.00pm for Doves.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2018

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, it is now time to apply for a place in Reception for September 2018. We have already sent out our application forms to the children on our database- if you have not received yours, please ask at the school office.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



The school Christmas lunch takes place on Wednesday 6th December. If your child already has school dinner, they will automatically be included. Packed lunch children have until next Monday, 27th November to return their order form and payment of £2.30.

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Our Curriculum Committee of our Governors met together this week. Key points from that meeting are outlined on the Governors' newsletter which is attached here for you.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon
Head Teacher

Curriculum Committee Meeting November 2017 Curriculum Chair's Summary for Parents/ Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The curriculum committee gathered once more this month to meet with the school leaders to discuss our children's progress/attainment and also to analyse current school initiatives to drive improvement in all year groups.

Parents will be aware of the times tables initiatives that are in place and the governors had a presentation from our maths leader (Mrs Atherton) today to take us through the aspects of how the times tables awards are structured. Lots of children have so far volunteered to take up the challenge with amazing success in achieving bronze, silver and gold awards for their skills in knowing their times tables. It's good to see the children proudly wearing their awards and of course their picture goes on our hall of fame board in the school to celebrate their achievement.

Governors thanked Mrs Atherton for running the recent workshop on the Times Tables Challenge, which was wonderfully attended and thanks to parents for their comments after the workshop which really do help.

Our recent parents' evening was also well attended and hopefully parents came away feeling fully informed on their child/children's progress and confident in the support you can offer at home to further their success.

Governors then moved on to progress and attainment data that shows how our children are achieving. Governors can report to parents that our school continues to perform well above the national average and remains one of the highest achievers throughout our local authority. A credit to our children and parents and the staff at St Fidelis.

We also talked about the extension of our Forest School initiative throughout all year groups which is proving to be very popular with our students in extending their learning and team building skills. The school's Maths Mastery programme has also been extended into key stage 2 and is helping to improve outcomes for our children. Current data presented to the governors by the assistant head teacher of KS2 shows encouraging progress and attainment.

I hope this update proves useful to you and I will report to parents again after our curriculum meeting next term.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Hayes 

Chair – Curriculum Committee

(Don't forget to follow the school day on twitter: [@headstfidelis](https://twitter.com/headstfidelis))

Friday 24 th November 3:00pm	Year 4 Hawks Assembly
Saturday 25 th November 12:00pm	Our Lady of the Angels Church Christmas Bazaar in the Angelus Centre
Thursday 30 th November 10:00am	Year 1 and Year 6 Advent Mass
Friday 1 st December 2:45pm	Year 5 Sayers Croft Assembly
Tuesday 5 th December 9:00am	KS2 Achievement Assembly
Wednesday 6 th December	Pupil & Staff Christmas Dinner
Thursday 7 th December 9:30-10:30am	Open Morning for Reception September 2018
Thursday 7 th December 10:00am	Year 2 and Year 4 Advent Mass
Friday 8 th December – Saturday 9 th December	Year 5 and 6 Sleepout for the Homeless in the school hall
Monday 11 th December 10:00am	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance in the school hall
Tuesday 12 th December 2:00pm	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance in the school hall
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 4 trip to the Museum of London
Thursday 14 th December 10:00am	Year 3 and Year 5 Advent Mass
Thursday 14 th December 2:00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance in the school hall
Friday 15 th December 10:00am	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance in the school hall
Friday 15 th December 7:00pm	Mr Robinson's Christmas Concert Our Lady of the Angels

Tuesday 19 th December 2:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance in Our Lady of the Angels Church
Wednesday 20 th December 7:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance in Our Lady of the Angels Church
Thursday 21 st December 3:00pm	Year 6 Steel Pans Assembly
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Parties in all year groups (non-uniform day)