



ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2017



We have lots of activities planned and dates for your diary for the children on the run up to Christmas!

WILLOW WOOD HOSPICE: Each Advent we seek to undertake a charitable event or fundraiser for a charitable cause. This year we have decided to support Willow Wood Hospice with the sale of Christmas Flumpets in School from 4th December. These are priced at £1.50 each and Year 6 will managed a stall each break time.



ADVENT MASS: Year 4 will be leading the whole school Advent Mass on Thursday 7th December at 10.00am - everyone is welcome to join as we start our Advent journey.

ADVENT REFLECTION: We will be holding reflections sessions during Advent at which the children can take time to reflect and pray together. These will take place on the three Monday's during December at 9.15am in the hall. Please see the diary overleaf for dates; everyone is welcome to join us.

PANTOMIME: In the afternoon of Monday 4th December we have arranged for all the children to enjoy a traditional Christmas Pantomime - Beauty & The Beast. We also ask for a donation of £2.50 per child towards the costs of the production, please send this in a labelled envelope before Thursday 30th November 2017.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER: The Kitchen will be serving two festive meals with a Traditional Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December and a Party Dinner on Wednesday 20th December. All children in school can have a meal on these days even if they normally have sandwiches. Each meal costs £2.18 for children in Nursery or Years 3 to 6, meals for children in Reception, 1 and 2 are free under the Universal Infant School Meal Initiative.

If your child does usually have sandwiches but would like a school meal on either or both of these days please complete and return the slip below with your payment (Nursery and Years 3 to 6 only) to school before Friday 24th November 2017. Please be aware that orders will not be accepted after this date due to kitchen deadlines.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT: After Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December, the children will be taking part in a craft afternoon. Not only will the children create a keepsake which they will bring home they will also have a stall at the Christmas Fair selling items which have been made by different year groups across the whole school.

EYFS NATIVITY: The children in Nursery and Reception Class will be performing a traditional Christmas Story in the School Hall on Friday 15th December at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend this fantastic event and we wish our children in EYFS good luck in their performance!



KS1 PRODUCTION AND CAROLS: Year 1 and 2 will be telling the Christmas Story 'A Midwife Crisis' in School on Tuesday 19th December at 1.45pm and 6.30pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The afternoon performance will be preceded by a selection of Christmas Carols sung by the children in Years 3 to 6.

PARTY DAY! Christmas Party Day is on Wednesday 20th December. The children will have a day of Christmas fun including a visit from a very special guest - this is an own clothes day too so get your party clothes on!

CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER ORDER FORM FOR CHILDREN NOT ON SCHOOL DINNERS
PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2017

My child _____ in Year _____ would like:

Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December 2017.

Party Dinner on Wednesday 20th December 2017.

I enclose payment of £2.18 / £4.36 in cash or cheque payable to St Raphael's Primary School (please delete as applicable)

Signed: _____

Date: _____



CHRISTMAS MASS: There will be a Whole School and Community Mass led by Year 5 on Thursday 21st December at 10.00am to which everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS DISCO: We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Christmas Disco for the children after school on Thursday 21st December. We are working with the Friends of St Raphael's to provide a fun evening for the children and there will be two sessions - one for the children in Nursery to Year 2 at 4.30pm and the second for the children in Year's 3-6 at 6.00pm. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information!

CHRISTMAS FAIR & NON UNIFORM DAYS: The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 15th December from 2.00pm in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome and the kitchen will be serving refreshments in the afternoon. We will be having two non-uniform days in support of the Christmas Fair and ask for donations on these non-uniform days as follows;

Friday 8th December - Chocolate Donations
 Wednesday 13th December - Bottle Donations

NOVEMBER 2017		
Friday 24 th	Last Day - Festive Dinner Orders	9.15am
Saturday 25 th	St Peters & St Raphael's Christmas Fair @ St Peter's School	11.00am-3.00pm
DECEMBER 2017		
Monday 4 th	Advent Reflection Session 1 Willow Wood Hospice Flumpets Pantomime - Beauty & The Beast	9.15am N/A PM
Thursday 7 th	Whole School & Community Advent Mass - Year 4 Lead	10.00am
Friday 8 th	Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations	All Day
Monday 11 th	Advent Reflection Session 2	9.15am
Tuesday 12 th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play KS2 Carol Concert	1.45pm & 6.30pm 1.45pm
Wednesday 13 th	Non Uniform Day - Bottle Donations Christmas Dinner Christmas Crafts	All Day Lunch PM
Friday 15 th	EYFS - Nursery & Reception Nativity Christmas Fair	9.15am 2.00pm
Monday 18 th	Advent Reflection Session 3	9.15am
Tuesday 19 th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play KS2 Carol Concert	1.45pm & 6.30pm 1.45pm
Wednesday 20 th	Non Uniform Day - Party Day! Party Dinner	All Day Lunch
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Mass Friends of St Raphael's Christmas Disco	10.00am SEE FLYER
Friday 22 nd	School Closes for Christmas - Please collect your child.	1.30pm

School closes at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd December 2017, please collect your, they are not permitted to walk home.

School opens at 8.55am on Monday 8th January 2018

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

CHRISTMAS MEALS - ORDERING SLIP

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2017