



ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2018



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 3rd December. These are priced at £1.50 each and Year 6 will manage a stall each break time. These will be limited to 1 per child with any remaining beanies on sale at the Christmas Fair.

ADVENT MASS: Year 4 will be leading the whole school Advent Mass on Thursday 6th 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 9.30am in the hall. Please see the diary overleaf for dates; everyone is welcome to join us.

PANTOMIME: In the afternoon of Monday 3rd December we have arranged for all the children to enjoy a traditional Christmas Pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk. In previous years we have asked for a donation towards the pantomime however this year we have been given a donation from a member of our local community Mabel Wilson, who lived all her life in Carrbrook and wanted to gift a legacy to local schools.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER: The Kitchen will be serving two festive meals with a Traditional Christmas Dinner on Thursday 13th December and a Party Dinner on Wednesday 19th December. All children in school can have a meal on these days even if they normally have sandwiches. Each meal costs £2.25 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 23rd November 2018. Please be aware that orders will not be accepted after this date due to kitchen deadlines.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT: After Christmas Dinner on Thursday 13th December, the children will be taking part in a craft afternoon. This year the children will be creating a whole school display in celebration of our 50th Anniversary.

EYFS NATIVITY: The children in Nursery and Reception Class will be performing a traditional Christmas Story in the School Hall on Friday 14th 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 'Christmas with the Aliens' in School on Tuesday 18th December at 1.30pm 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 19th 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 23RD NOVEMBER 2018

My child _____ in Year _____ would like:

Christmas Dinner on Thursday 13th December 2018.

Party Dinner on Wednesday 19th December 2018.

I enclose payment of £2.25 / £4.50 in cash or cheque payable to St Raphael's Primary School (please delete as applicable)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CHRISTMAS DISCO: We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Friends of St Raphael's Christmas Disco for the children after school on Thursday 20th 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 6.15pm. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information!



CHRISTMAS MASS: There will be a Whole School and Community Mass led by Year 6 on Friday 21st December at 10.45am to which everyone is welcome. This will also be Mr Johnson's leavers Mass as he says farewell to St Raphael's before moving onto his new School in January 2019.

CHRISTMAS FAIR & NON-UNIFORM DAYS: The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 14th December from 2.00pm in the School Hall and everyone is welcome. 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 7th December - Chocolate Donations

Thursday 13th December - Bottle Donations

| NOVEMBER 2018 | | |
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| Friday 23 rd | Last Day - Festive Dinner Orders | 9.15am |
| Saturday 24 th | St Peters & St Raphael's Christmas Fair @ St Peter's School | 11.00am-3.00pm |
| DECEMBER 2018 | | |
| Monday 3 rd | Advent Reflection Session 1 Willow Wood Hospice Flumpets Pantomime - Jack & The Beanstalk | 9.30am N/A PM |
| Thursday 6 th | Whole School & Community Advent Mass - Year 4 Lead | 10.00am |
| Friday 7 th | Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations | All Day |
| Monday 10 th | Advent Reflection Session 2 | 9.30am |
| Thursday 13 th | Non Uniform Day - Bottle Donations Christmas Dinner Christmas Crafts | All Day Lunch PM |
| Friday 14 th | EYFS - Nursery & Reception Nativity Christmas Fair | 9.15am 2.00pm |
| Monday 17 th | Advent Reflection Session 3 | 9.30am |
| Tuesday 18 th | Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play KS2 Carol Concert | 1.30pm & 6.30pm 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 19 th | Non Uniform Day - Party Day! Party Dinner | All Day Lunch |
| Thursday 20 th | Friends of St Raphael's Christmas Disco | SEE FLYER |
| Friday 21 st | Christmas Mass School Closes for Christmas - Please collect your child. | 10.45am 1.30pm |

School closes at 1.30pm on Friday 21st December 2018, please collect your, they are not permitted to walk home.
School opens at 8.55am on Monday 7th January 2019

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 23RD NOVEMBER 2018