

Holy Family Newsletter

*We are a caring family.
We pray, learn and grow together*

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Caritas Advent Collection

During the weeks of Advent the Caritas Ambassadors will be running a reverse advent calendar; instead of receiving something each day they are asking that pupils bring in an item each week that will be donated to Cornerstone.

Cornerstone have requested the following items:

- Tinned soup
- Mayonnaise
- Shower Gel
- Tinned stewing steak
- Washing Up Liquid
- Biscuits
- Tuna
- Shaving foam
- Sugar

Any items that you can donate will be gratefully received and used to help people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families at this time

Send a Children's Christmas Wish Campaign:

Can we please remind you that this year our school is supporting the Three Wishes Charity 'Send a Children's Christmas Wish campaign'. We are asking children to donate £1.00 instead of sending Christmas cards to all their friends. All the money raised will go towards raising funds and 'Doing More' for children and babies at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Hospitals. Please send your donation into school in an envelope clearly marked Christmas Wish Campaign – if children want to donate and still wish to send cards to their friends in school that is fine.

Christingle Service

The Christingle service will be held in church led by the children in Year 2 and Year 6 and the school choir. Please bring your families to join us for this very special service on:

Thursday 14th December at 6pm.

Assertive Mentoring Sheets

We will be sending out the Assertive Mentoring Sheets during the last week of term. These will show your child's attendance, behaviour, and overall effort in class and around school. Please take the time to discuss this with your child(ren).

Thank You and Well Done:

- On Sunday 3rd December the Commissioning of the GIFT Pupil Chaplains took place at Holy Family Church... well done to all those involved and thank you to all parents / carers who came to the service.
- Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate and bottles for the Parish Church Christmas Fair that took place on Sunday 3rd December – your kind donations helped the Church to raise £1250.00 for the local community.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 7th December 2017 11.00am	Advent Mass in School
Tues 12th December 2017 2.30pm	KS1 Nativity Play
Weds 13th December 2017 9.30pm	KS1 Nativity Play
Thurs 14th December 2017	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 14th December 2017 6.00pm	Christingle at Holy Family Church
Fri 15th December 2017	HSA Cinema Night – tickets are selling fast so hurry if you don't want to miss out.
Tues 19th December 2017	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Party Day – Own Clothes Day
Thurs 21st December 2017	Christmas Jumper Day – LAST DAY IN SCHOOL

Class Updates:

Mrs Bird's Class

In Reception we are excitedly getting ready for Jesus' birthday. We are learning about Advent and will be making mince pies this week. Gerry the Gingerbread Man, who goes home with our class, has welcomed his new friend 'Gerry Christmas' and our children can't wait to take him home.

Miss Measey's Class

In Year 1 we are all so excited for Christmas. We have been doing some super writing to send our own letters to Father Christmas and we are very eager to receive a reply.

Mrs Hawkrigg's Class

In Year 2 we are preparing for Christmas and are feeling very excited. We are working hard on our Christmas Nativity Play – The Smallest Angel; we all have speaking parts and are very busy learning our lines and our dances – we cannot wait to entertain you all.

Mrs Lord's Class

Well done to all Year 3/4 on a fantastic strings concert this week and thank you to all the parents / carers who came to watch. During Advent we are creating a Jesse tree in preparation for Christmas; we are reading lots of Bible stories and designing Christmas baubles to go on our tree.

Mrs Rogerson's Class

Year 4/5 were very proud to lead the Advent Mass this week; well done to all our fantastic readers. We have created our own Advent calendar in class and each day we reveal a new picture, reading out an inspirational message about how we can welcome Jesus into our hearts.

Mrs Summerton's Class

Year 5/6 are busy preparing for Christmas by learning all about the Advent Wreath and thinking about our hopes for ourselves and the world. We are also beginning to look at the life of Charles Dickens and will be working on 'A Christmas Carol'.

Class Attendance Championship:

	LAST 9-WEEK AVERAGE SCORE	Week Ten (13th – 17th Nov)	Week Eleven (20th – 24th Nov)	AVERAGE SCORE OVER <u>11</u> WEEKS
Mrs Bird (R/Y1)	89.0%	98.9%	94.4%	90.6%
Mrs Hawkrigg (Y1/2)	96.0%	92.7%	97.3%	95.8%
Mrs Lord (Y3/4)	99.0%	96.7%	99.2%	98.8%
Mrs Rogerson (Y4/5)	96.9%	98.9%	98.5%	97.2%
Mrs Summerton (Y5/6)	97.3%	95.2%	94.3%	96.8%

Mrs Lord's class is still in the lead this week with an average of 98.8% attendance

The class with the best attendance at the end of this term will win a prize!

Mr Gallagher - Headteacher