



Holy Family School Newsletter - 12

Friday 1st December 2023

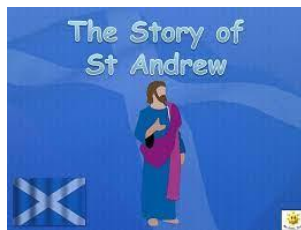
With Christ at the centre, we live, love and learn together, reaching out to all. Together, with Jesus, we can do it!



'Only the best is good enough'

Y3/4 ST. ANDREW'S ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to support the children in Y3/4 who led our St. Andrew's Day assembly yesterday. We hope you enjoyed the assembly which incorporated our rewards assembly. It was lovely to see the 'sea of blue' in the hall to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. Thank you to all those who have donated their £1 for our school funds.



DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY 2023

This week, as part of Disability Awareness, all our children took part in assemblies with their key phase, to explore visual impairment and blindness. Children were able to explore what life was like for a young boy called Theo who is blind in one eye and partially sighted in the other. It was a real insight into the challenges he faces every day, the resilience required to face those challenges and a celebration of difference. Ask your child about what they have learned.

Take a look for yourself at 'Theo's Story'.

[Coping with visual impairment - Theo's Story - BBC Teach](#)

REACHING OUT TO ALL - MAPLE LODGE

The Play Therapist from Maple Lodge Nursing Home has contacted us and invited children from Holy Family to visit the home on Friday afternoons, to play board games with the residents. Our children are very excited about this, and we hope to bring great joy to the residents on our visits. We hope to take as many children as possible to visit over the next few weeks with our Learning Mentor Team - Mrs Reeves and Mrs Powell.

ADVENT SERVICE

On Monday, our staff and pupils will come together for our annual Advent Service at 9am. It is a Stay and Pray together as a school and so all families are welcome to join us. We are very much looking forward to beginning our Advent journey as a school family, reflecting on the important season ahead of us.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

The race continues for our Pizza Party competition for attendance. Remember any class that gets 100% receives 2 green marks that week!!

Attendance for this week from the 27th Nov to 1st Dec is as follows: Come on children make sure your class gets in the green zone for your Pizza Party!!

Green - 97%+, **Yellow** - 94%+, **Red** - 93.9% & below

Class	% score	Rating	Total amount of green won this term
Year 6	97%	Green	5
Year 5D	99%	Green	4
Year 5Mc	95%	Yellow	9
Year 4	99%	Green	8
Year 3/4	98%	Green	8
Year 3	98%	Green	14
Year 2	98%	Green	15
Year 1/2	94%	Yellow	12
Year 1	94%	Yellow	7
Rec K	95%	Yellow	5
Rec M	97%	Green	11

ADVENT GIVING PROJECT

Our Advent Giving Project has now been launched! Your child should have come home with a number, which equates to the day in December. On that day, children will open the door on the calendar and receive a chocolate. In return, we ask, if you are in a position to, they bring in an item for the food bank. This project is always very well supported, thanks to your generosity. We're sure this year will be no different.

POSADA

As is tradition here at Holy Family, children will have the opportunity to take part in the Posada - a Mexican tradition in which statues of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph travel round our different homes in need of warmth, love and shelter. This custom helps to keep our minds on the true meaning of Christmas. The Holy Family have started their journey this week; children, who choose to take part, have begun to take the special packs home. This will continue for the full season of Advent.

LIVE SIMPLY - CHRISTMAS JUMPER, WINTER COAT AND TOY SALE - 1ST DECEMBER 2023

Don't forget to attend the donation station in the hall after school tonight and take items that catch your eye.

There are some brilliant toys, coats and Christmas jumpers available for families. Please do come along as we would love these items to be recycled and reused.

This is an opportunity to embrace the spirit of giving and sharing, but also a fantastic way to promote sustainability.

Let's come together as a community to recycle, reduce waste and help the environment.



PTA SANTA DASH

In order to raise some much-needed funds to help towards funding coaches for school trips, the children will be taking part in our annual Holy Family Santa dash on Friday 8th December 2023.

All children have been given a sponsor form. Can we please ask that the form and any money is returned to school in an envelope with your child's name on, on the day of the Santa Dash or by Monday 11th December at the latest. Alternatively, you can transfer to our PTA bank account - Holy Family PTA - Sort Code 20-51-08 Account Number 93753131 Reference - Santa Dash.

Thank you!



PETER PAN - PICK UP PLANS FOR MONDAY

All children from Reception through to Y6 will be attending Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park on Monday 4th December to watch the pantomime, Peter Pan. The children will leave school at 12.30pm and return to school for 5pm approximately.

All children will have their lunch in school before leaving. As it will be darker than usual, can we please ask all parents NOT to approach the children as they are getting off the buses at the top of the school on their return but to collect them from their usual collection points except for Reception parents who will still come along the path nearest to Maple Lodge Residential Home but the children will leave via the fire exit door at the bottom of the path rather than the Reception playground due to the darkness.

For those children in Yr 5 and Yr 6 who usually walk home alone, we would much prefer that you pick your child up from school rather than letting them walk alone at 5pm. If this is an issue, please give us a ring in school.

NON-UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER 2023

The children can come into school in non-uniform on Friday to celebrate the start of our Christmas celebrations. The children are being encouraged to dress festive (Tinsel, baubles, hat) and/or they can wear a Christmas jumper/top if they already have one.

CHRISTMAS HAT COMPETITION

Each year the children are invited to make a Christmas hat that they can wear on Christmas dinner day. The staff from each class choose the best two child made hats and those two children receive a small prize. We look forward to seeing the amazing ideas next Friday 8th December.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

An app has already been sent out this week regarding our Christmas dinner taking place on Friday. There will also be the vegetarian option for Christmas dinner as well. If your child usually has packed lunch, but would like a Christmas dinner on this day, please let us know via the consent form on the app which has a deadline for today.