



School Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2019 Academic year 2019-20 Number 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA News

Christmas Fayre is coming.... Christmas Fayre is coming....

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2019

Our Fayre is going to be a wonderful afternoon for our children and families. Our elves are preparing Santa's grotto and it's going to be even more magical this year! Our fun interactive Magic Mirror will be back, fabulous fun photos for the whole family. Lots of great Christmas stalls, fabulous café, yummy cakes and POP, yes the lovely sound of a bottle of prosecco being opened. Not forgetting our Irish coffee and our creative face painters, plus lots more! There really is something for everyone!

A big thank you to everyone who has been donating bottles, gifts and toys during this month. Thank you for your generosity we have collected some wonderful items. Thank you also to all those who have helped collect these items over the last few weeks, you're all complete stars!

If you haven't yet donated it's not too late, we're taking bottles, gifts and toys right up **Friday 29th November** please leave them in the office.

Christmas Jumpers? Yes please! Please leave them at the school office. Thank you.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Grand Raffle, Voucher Raffle and Barrow of Booze Raffle

*Tickets on sale every day from **Monday 18th November***

Raffle tickets ***should*** have been sent out in book bags **TODAY!** – ***However Mr. Mooney forgot and Mrs. Middleton was not there to keep him straight. They will be distributed on Monday. Sorry PTA (Mr. M)***

We're running our raffle competition again this year, the class who sell the most tickets win an afternoon of fun! Last year Y3 won and they had a fabulous afternoon making/decorating marshmallow snowmen with other sweet treats and watching a film. The prize will be adapted to the class age. Please return your sold tickets with your child's/children class details on the stubb, these will then be placed in the correct class box for the class competition.

Grand Draw:

1st prize - ipad

2nd prize - £100 Amazon Vouchers

3rd prize - Echo Dot

We have some great prizes for our Voucher Raffle this year and the most fabulous Auction prizes, watch this space!

Santa Tickets - jump the queue!

To try and ease the queue for Santa tickets on Fayre day, we will be selling these with the raffle tickets. If you have a preferred time slot, pop along and pre-buy your tickets in advance.

CHRISTMAS FAYE BROCHURE

A big thank you to everyone who helped in pulling together our Christmas brochure this year, it has been a hard slog, however our hard work paid off and we managed to secure a staggering 42 adverts, this equates to £2,400!

A special thank you to Tania Sidoli, Carole Wright, Julietta Vales and Louise Evans who worked tirelessly in their pursuit of adverts, and to all the parents/families/friends who have advertised their business in our brochure this year, hugely appreciated.

Finally please volunteer your time...

We need help the day before, during the day and to help clear up. Please let your class rep know what times you can help.

St. John the Baptist

Can you sell raffle tickets after mass this weekend and next weekend?

Please let your class rep know, we have been successful in previous years selling tickets after church. If you can spare 10 minutes after mass that would be amazing! Thank you!

Working together with can make our Christmas Fayre a great success!

Ed's note – It is difficult to imagine the amount of effort that Louise and all the committee are putting in to make the Christmas Fair a great success. Please make sure you support us by coming and by volunteering a little of your time. It would be really nice to see more of our new parents becoming involved.

PTA Christmas Colouring Competition

Mrs. Brannigan and Mrs. Edmonds joined us in assembly today to share the results of our Christmas colouring competition. All the entries this year (there were over 60!) were excellent, but we needed to narrow it down for the Christmas Fair brochure. Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Jaye were the judges. In the end the top three were 1st Connie Lavocah, 2nd Dara Hession, & 3rd Aoife Lawlor. Well done all of you!

Masses and Liturgies

We had a moving remembrance liturgy and 2 minute silence on Monday, and Orange Class led us in a delightful assembly on Tuesday.

Next Tuesday Red Class are hosting a liturgy in their classroom at 2.30pm. The alley gate will be opened for access. All parents are welcome to attend.

Quiz Night

Takes place tonight. Many, many thanks to everyone who has prepared what will definitely be a fun evening. Special thanks to Nick James, Keri Brannigan and Cindy Piper, our quiz masters, but also the whole team of Y6 parents who have set up and run the event. As you know, this raises much needed funds to support our residential to Normandy, so thanks for all your support. I'm just sorry I can't be there tonight as I love a good quiz. (Family confirmation).

Sports News

Since my last newsletter lots of sports events:

Our Tag rugby squad played in the brought qualifiers on Wednesday 6th November. Unfortunately we were beaten 3-1 in the play offs by St Thomas Beckett, but we played really well.

Our Netball team played two matches at Kenley Primary on Thursday 7th November. Our A team won 17-1 and our B Team won 2-1. Well done girls!!

Yesterday our Cross country team attended the annual Catholic Schools Cross Country at John Fisher School. All our children ran very well; Edner in Y3 took gold medal for Y3/4 Boys and our Y3/4 girls were the winning team in that race, with our Y3/4 boys coming second. Overall, out of 12 schools competing,

Margaret Roper came 2nd! This is an excellent achievement. St James the Great Primary came first and St Joseph's third. The small schools trophy went St Aidan's as we took a trophy from the main competition. Very proud of all our children. Thanks for your support, parents who attended.

Tomorrow we have the first of our cross country races at Woodcote Secondary School at 9.30am. Any child who wants to run is invited, from Y3 up, and we could even take a few keen Y2's. I issued more letters today to interested children as I was concerned that we wouldn't have enough in our teams. Please show up with your child if you are few. This race is the first of a series of three and if we don't score reasonably in this one, it's hard to win the overall league.

Medical News

We have had an outbreak of chicken pox. So far I think we have 6 cases in Year One and Reception. If you are concerned your child might have chicken pox, please consult NHS direct – see the link here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Obviously, we'd like to avoid unnecessary cross-infection, so please keep an eye on your child. If you have a weakened immune system or if you are pregnant and haven't had chicken pox, you may need to seek medical advice if you know you have been in contact with a case.

Week Ending 8 th November	Stars of the week	Star Writer
Red Class	Isla & MaameYaa	Olive
Orange Class	Ella & Finbar	Taye
Yellow Class	Matilda & Liam	Hector
Green Class	Leila & Christi	Alfie
Blue Class	Mia & Max	Edner
Pearl Class	Tiana & James	Leah
Indigo Class	Hannah G & Daniel Z	Amare
Violet Class	Jasmine & Evan	Joseph

Week Ending 15 th November	Stars of the week	Star Writer
Red Class	Alex & Rajivaan	Stanley
Orange Class	Will & Leo	Mateo
Yellow Class	Sara & Seb	James
Green Class	Ana & Lucas	Maria
Blue Class	Maya & Tobi	Kaylie
Pearl Class	Joseph & Erin	Lydia
Indigo Class	Joseph G & Aoife	Hannah
Violet Class	Francesco & Kuba	Logan

Attendance awards for last week went to Violet Class and the punctuality award is given to Orange Class Well done.

Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the Quiz tonight,
Mr Mooney

Reminder – Don't forget that Friday 22nd November is an INSET day and school will be closed for pupils.