

# Friday Flyer

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Autumn Term 14

## Living, Loving and Learning Together in God's Way

### LEARNING



#### Stars of the week



FS2	Isobel	1	Amelie
2	Sebastian	3	Dougy
4	Amelie	5	Eve
6	Thomas		

#### This week's Loving awards

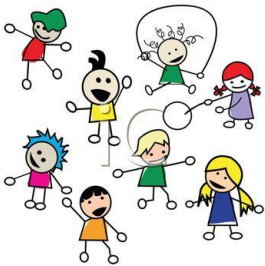
FS2	Roan	1	Keira
2	Malachy	3	Bobbi
4	Brooke	5	Lauren
6	Hannah		

#### Attendance Award

The results for week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November are as follows:

Class FS2	96.25%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Class 1	87.24%	
Class 2	95.45%	
Class 3	95.36%	
Class 4	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Class 5	96.67%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Class 6	95.36%	

Congratulations to Class 4 with 100%, well done!



## Job Vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant or Play Leader

**Are you the one - or do you know the person we may be looking for?** We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant or Play Leader to help in our school hall or playground between 11:45am and 1:00pm each day. The vacancy could be for 5 days a week or 2-3 days a week. If you are interested or know of somebody who may be interested, please check the school website for application details or contact Mrs Doody in the school office.

#### Please Note – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December the only hot dinner option will be jacket potatoes. There will be a variety of fillings available, including cheese, beans, tuna mayonnaise, coleslaw etc.

# LIVING



## Advent Prayer Journey and Liturgy on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December Message from Fr Mark

Thank you so much to all those who helped prepare for, attended, took part in or supported our liturgy and prayer journey in any way. We are most grateful to you for enabling our children, staff and parishioners to experience such a spirit filled day.

Father Mark commented "What an absolutely beautiful Advent Service by the children of Our Lady and St Patrick's School. Every reader, every soloist led us in prayer wonderfully and once again by your example of quiet and focus you helped us grown-ups".

*Light looked down and saw darkness.*

*I will go there said Light.*

*Peace looked down and saw war.*

*I will go there said Peace.*

*Love looked down and saw hatred.*

*I will go there said Love.*

*So He, the Lord of light, the Prince of Peace, the king of Love, came down and crept in beside us.*

## Key Stage One Christmas Celebration Evening – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 5:30pm

Parents, carers and families of children in classes 1 and 2 are warmly invited to join the children as they celebrate the wonder of Jesus' birth through an evening of songs and readings on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm in the school hall. We hope that you can join us on this special occasion.



## Christmas Fair – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

This year our Christmas Fair was a huge success, it was lovely to see so many faces having fun. Thank you to all those who helped and donated; without your support these events couldn't take place.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December will be Christmas Jumper Day. There is a suggested voluntary **£1** donation and all funds raised will be divided between Save the Children, Macmillan Cancer Support and Make a Wish Charities, which will be collected in class on the day. You can wear a Christmas themed jumper over your school uniform. If you don't have one, why not ask a parent to help and decorate a jumper with bells, tinsel or anything festive. Have fun!

We will also be offering face painting during the day for a cost of **20p** further information, along with the consent form, will be coming home with the children on Monday.



## Christmas Post Box

There is now a post box in school for children to post their class Christmas cards. Please could envelopes be clearly written with the child's name and class that it will be going to? Thank you. Final post Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## Staff updates

Please remember Mrs Tucker in your prayers as she has had a small op but is back home and will be off work now until after Christmas. We send her our very best and wish her and her family a very Happy Christmas when it comes. We also very much look forward to welcoming Mrs Webber back to teach in Class 5 in January. I'm sure we will continue to see Mr Ansell in and around school because he is one of our family now! Besides, who would run our Photo Booths!?! 😊



LOVING

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



**This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent.**

In our Gospel reading we hear John the Baptist preparing people for the coming of Jesus. The people were probably very excited to hear all about this. John told them that they had to change their lives for the better; to share what they had with others and show mercy.

**Things we can try this week to give ourselves a challenge to live how John the Baptist asked the people to live:**

- Sharing our toys or sweets with others
- Praying for people in need
- Making an extra effort to attend to and consider other people's needs
- Giving a little extra to charity during Advent perhaps through our local church

Pope Francis tells us

**“In life we all make many mistakes. Don't be afraid to ask God for forgiveness. God is pure mercy.”**

Ask your child what the word 'mercy' means to them. The Church encourages us to carry out actions attending to people's basic needs (physical or corporal acts of mercy) but it also encourages us to perform Spiritual Works of Mercy. These include; **being compassionate; being patient** with others even if we are being treated unfairly; **forgiving others** (even if we feel they don't deserve forgiveness). Being merciful sometimes means giving people more than they deserve. But each time we show mercy, we open ourselves to receive mercy from God.

**Who will you be showing mercy to this Advent?**

Pope Francis announced that from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, the Catholic Church will celebrate a Year of Mercy. As a school family, we are going to find out more about Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and this special Year of Mercy.

If you would like to find out more about it at home, please visit

<http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/>

Adapted from the Wednesday Word

Best wishes

**Mrs Sarah Barreto**

Head Teacher

**Lord , please help us to grow in the virtue of mercy - to be open to receiving your mercy and showing mercy to others. Amen**



During the month of December, our Values Award will be given to people who we show love to others.

**“May every Church and Christian community be a place of mercy”** Pope Francis



Are you showing love and mercy for others at home and in school this week?