



ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL | 01.12.23

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF MRS SIME

We have now received our Catholic Schools Inspectorate report and we have been awarded the highest grade possible, outstanding across all categories. I am truly delighted and proud of every child, staff member and community.

You should have received a copy of this report from your child today and it is also available from Parent Pay, SeeSaw and our school website.

This week we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent – a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. Jesus asks us all to keep watch for him so that we will be ready when he comes.

We have begun welcoming Advent into school this week, our Christmas decorations have been a welcome sign of the festivities to come, the first of our three nativities is next week. Reception parents are welcome to attend on **Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 10am in the school hall.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sime

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON RONNIE

I have had the pleasure of reading the report from the recent Catholic School's Inspection. As one of the first schools in the Archdiocese to be inspected under the new framework, this inspection is a rigorous but fair process.

It is testament to the outstanding leadership of our school, hard work and commitment of everyone within the community that the school has achieved this judgment of Outstanding. I am sure you will join me and the rest of board of governors to express personal thanks to Mrs Sime and Mr Edwards for their true dedication as the school has never received an outstanding judgement in RE.

I pass on my thanks and congratulations to the children, the staff, and the whole school community.

Deacon R. Burke
Chair of Governors

WINTER FESTIVAL

On Monday 4th December 2023 we have our Winter Festival at school. This will be an **own clothes day** and children are invited to bring some money for the festival, the activities and stalls range from between 50p – £1.

We have a Photo Booth coming to school for the children to have some photographs with their friends. This will be £1.

Children should ensure that money is brought into school in a labelled envelope. This is to be a maximum of £5.00.



MINCE PIE AND BAUBLES

On Friday 8th December 2023, once you have collected your children you are invited to your child's class to purchase a bauble they have made.

Then you are invited to the school hall for a lovely hot chocolate and a mince pie for a small donation.

The choir will be singing at this event.

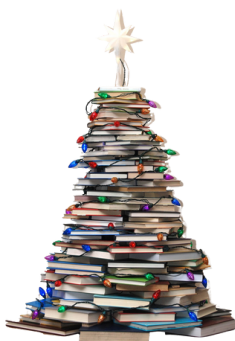
STAFF GIFTS

We continue to be aware of the increasing financial pressures and we do not want our families worrying about purchasing a present for any member of staff. If you wish to, you can donate items to our foodbank or a book for the library.

We want our families to spend what money they have on themselves and enjoy the festivities.

ADVENT CHALLENGE

We are slowly building our book collection for our library. We would like to build our very own book tree this Advent. We are grateful for any donations of books to school and if you wish to, you can purchase from our Amazon Wishlist via the QR Code below.



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

All of our classes are collecting for CAFOD World Gifts, as a school we will be choosing what we can use the money to provide families overseas.

CHRISTMAS DINNER HAMPERS

We have had a family who have kindly offered to support school with our Christmas Dinner Hampers this year, for those families in need.

We would like to thank them, for their generosity.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Leah I, Albie D, Lottie S, Lucas I, Mila T, Francis M, Axel W, Caiden E, Spike B-G, Phoebe L, Lewis S, Rhys F, Annabelle H, Alice F.

GOOD TO BE GREEN

Harrison G, Freya B, Henry G, Olivia N, Joseph E, Harry M-J, Alfie W, Jessica O, Noah S, Nathan R, Tobias P, Joey B-S, Ella R-M, Daylea P-T.

DOJO

This Week's Dojo Winners are:



Kitty Wilkinson

CRAFT WORKSHOP

Please note that the Parent's Christmas Craft event has been pushed back until Wednesday 13th December 2023, this is due to Reception having their Nativity.

SURPRISE VISITOR

Look who has paid us a surprise visit!



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Date	Time	Theme	Lead
13th December 2023	8.45am – all day	Christmas craft	PTFA
Date to be confirmed	Time to be confirmed	Positive play /parents' course	TBC
Date to be confirmed	Time to be confirmed	Sleep session	Outside Deliverer

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

06.12.23	Reception
13.12.23	3W ELM

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
8.12.23	Mince Pies and Baubles - Parents Event
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
6.12.23 - 10 am	EYFS Nativity
19.12.23 - 10 am	KS1 Nativity
20.12.23 - 10 am	KS2 Nativity
21.12.23	Christmas Party Day
22.12.23	Christmas Assembly Finish for Christmas