

## The Cathedral School of St Mary Newsletter

19th December 2019

*What a year! And what a way to finish it with some outstanding performances this week in the Cathedral. I was so proud of the children for their singing and retelling of the nativity and it was wonderful to see so many of you come back to support the school. Thank you.*

*Last week, we enjoyed our Christmas Fair. Again, I was amazed at the amount of support shown by you all as we raised a whopping £1,100 which will be spent on your children. It makes all the hard work that the staff put in worthwhile. A special thanks to Mrs Cook and Mrs Nankivell who worked tirelessly in organising the event and all of the wonderful raffle prizes.*

*Our youngest children enjoyed their visit to the Theatre Royal last week to watch the Elves and the Shoemaker. It gave them a taste of live theatre and they are already looking forward to the whole school pantomime visit in January.*

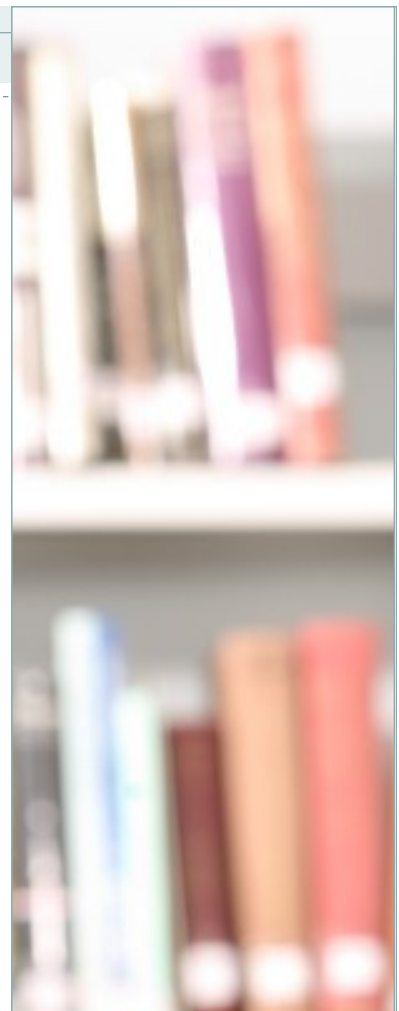
*Mrs Futchter and Mrs Holloway were the lucky staff members this term to be drawn out of the hat to take our 14 children with the most dojo points since September to their Golden Tea Party. The children had a brilliant time eating cakes and drinking hot chocolate - a special thanks to the Rio family for hosting us once again. It was fitting that Mrs Futchter was chosen as she says her farewells to us today. We wish her all the very best wishes for her next chapter.*

*And finally, don't lose sight of the real reason we celebrate this time of year. There are plenty of opportunities to get yourselves to Mass across the city. On Christmas Eve at 16:30, there is a special children's liturgy telling the nativity story, with Mass at midnight, or at 8am and 10am on Christmas Day. There is a Polish mass at Christ the King on Christmas Day at 10am.*

*Thank you all for your hard work and support throughout 2019. I am excited for 2020. Our staff team have worked tirelessly all year and have done an incredible job with your children. Please keep them in your prayers.*

*Merry Christmas from us all.  
God Bless.  
Mr Dyson*

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## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th January	Start of term
Thursday 9th January	Pantomime
Friday 14th February	Last day of term



### CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE PARISH

#### Tuesday 24th December

4.00pm Nativity Play - Cathedral  
 5.30pm Carol Service - St. Joseph's  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas - St. Joseph's  
 11.30pm Office of Readings

#### Wednesday 25th December

12.00am Midnight Mass - Cathedral  
 8.00am Morning Mass - Cathedral  
 10.00am Mass - Cathedral



### Loving Lord

**Look over all of our families during this festive period. Guide us to make the right choices, and to remember the real reason of Christmas**

**Amen**

### Cinderella

It's not long now until the trip to The Theatre Royal to watch this years pantomime.

Thursday 9th January 2020.  
 14:30—17:00

Returning to school for 17:30



*Remember we are not back to school until Tuesday 7th January 2020*

### CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH at The Cathedral Centre

Every second Saturday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Making arts, crafts and new friends. Come and join us on Saturday 14th December. All children and families are welcome.

