

The Cathedral School of St Mary

Newsletter

6th December 2019

It has been a very busy few weeks and you won't be surprised to hear that the next two weeks look equally busy. Let me start with a welcome. Last Thursday we were delighted to appoint Miss Natalie Grosch as our new Class 2 teacher. She will be coming in over the next two weeks to meet the children, the staff and also the parents so that she feels ready to start in January.

We have enjoyed several sporting events over the last two weeks. Our athletes once again did us proud at the Indoor Athletics competition, with our team winning silver medals. We took a girls and boys football team to Stoke Damerel to play in a tournament against other schools with mixed results. Both teams won and lost a variety of matches. And last Friday, our Year 5 and 6 children went to a Basketball festival at Notre Dame.

Class 4 enjoyed a really successful trip to the Citadel on Tuesday which linked perfectly to their topic on World War 2. Our children's behaviour on the trip was exemplary and was commented on by staff just how impressed they were on their return to school. Well done Class 4.

Mr Driscoll sent a letter out last night explaining about the Advent Carol services on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December. It is something the children have been working hard towards over the last few weeks so we want to see everyone back for these special evenings.

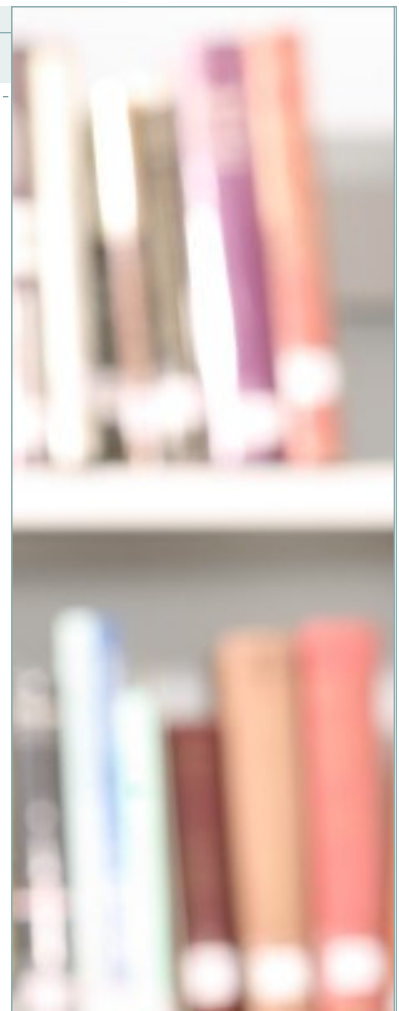
We have our Christmas Fair next Friday (13th). The fair starts at 14:30 with many stalls to enjoy as well as our raffle which this year has some amazing prizes. Please sell as many tickets as you can. If you can't sell them, please hand your books back to the school office so we can give them to other people to sell. Also next Friday is our Christmas Jumper Day.

It is the second Sunday of Advent this week - Mass at the Cathedral is 08:00 and 10:00 on Sunday. This week's Gospel reading talks about how John the Baptist guides people towards Jesus. It reflects on how sometimes we can become quite self-centred. It's easy for us to want the attention and praise for everything we do. In this reading, you can see how John the Baptist had a mission of pointing others to Christ first and foremost. Like John, we can follow God's plan and shine the light on Jesus. Our whole lives can reflect the love of God and give him the praise.

Have a lovely weekend as we continue to prepare for Christmas. Enjoy the family time and we will see you all on Monday where you are welcome to join us for our Liturgy.

Mr Dyson

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DIARY DATES

Monday 9th December	Class 1 Christmas afternoon
Thursday 12th December	Road Safety Day
Thursday 12th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 13th December	FoS Christmas Fair
Friday 13th December	Class 3 visiting Central Library
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16th December	Choir club singing at Notre Dame House, 3:30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Advent Carol Service, 6pm
Wednesday 18th December	Advent Carol Service, 6pm
Thursday 19th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 7th January	Start of term



We have had a few cases of head lice recently in all classes.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

For further information on treatment, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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



God of love, help us always to try to do the right thing, even when we find it hard, so that we are ready when Jesus comes. Amen.

Cinderella

It's not too late to book your child's place to watch Cinderella at Theatre Royal. Please see the office for further information

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.

