

NEWSLETTER



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21st December 2018

Message from the Head of School

It has been a day filled with celebration today! Wishy Washy provided wonderful entertainment this morning - thank you to our loyal Friends of School for providing this end of term treat. This afternoon the children celebrated the end of a busy term with class Christmas parties. They are now ready to finish their preparations for Christmas at home. Please find time to celebrate this wonderful feast at one of our parish churches:

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE PARISH

Monday 24th December

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

Tuesday 25th December

12.00am Midnight Mass - Cathedral
8.00am Morning Mass - Cathedral
10.00am Mass - Cathedral
12.05 Mass - Christ the King

We are keen to recruit volunteers to listen to the children read. Please see Mrs Packer in the office if you are interested. She will provide you with a volunteer application and will assist you in applying for a Disclosure and Barring Service check. Full training will be provided in January by Mrs Gleed.

It is with a heavy heart that I wish you farewell today. It has been an honour to lead this school community for the past term and I have enjoyed working with all of you to provide your children with the standard of education they deserve. I am hugely grateful to you all for your warmth and support.

May I take this opportunity to thank the staff for the commitment they have shown; Mrs Chong and our Governing Body for their support; the Friends of School for their time and energy; and last but not most certainly not least, the children for their hard work, energy and enthusiasm.

They are a credit to you.



Mr Mark Dyson will take over from me as Acting Head Teacher in January and I am sure you will welcome him as warmly as you welcomed me.

May you all enjoy a happy Christmas filled with peace and joy and a very blessed 2019.

With very best wishes

Mrs D Potterton



Lord God,

This Christmas may we not only unwrap presents,
But may we discover more of your love.

May we not only eat on festive food,

But may we feast on your faith.

This Christmas, may we not only cherish happy
times with family and friends,

But may we invite you into our lives.

May we not only sing carols that celebrate your
birth,

But may we dwell upon the resurrected Christ
alive this moment.

Living Lord, we long to discover your love, feast
on your truth, invite you into our lives and thank
you for your sacrifice. Amidst the presents, food
and family we long to celebrate Christmas with
you.

We ask that you bless your family gathered here
before you today. Our school. Our families. Our
community and all those near, far, present and
past who we hold dear in our hearts.

Help us to listen to the truth that Jesus has taught
us, and open our hearts to His all conquering
love.

Amen.

Thank you to our Friends of School who kindly
arranged a special visit from Wishy Washy



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Julia Donaldson	86.80%
Roald Dahl	78.57%
Michael Morpurgo	92.96%
David Walliams	93.24%

Every Minute Counts

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year
5 mins	10 Days
10 mins	7 Days
15 mins	10.5 Days
20 mins	14 Days
30 mins	21 Days



Julia Donaldson class had a fantastic time at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday. The children watched the adventures of the deliciously smelling Gingerbread Man and meet the bravest biscuit of all time!



Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

All information is available on our website calendar.

Diary Dates

Friday 21st December

Christmas Party Day, no uniform.

Last day of term, 3:15pm

Monday 7th January

First day of term, 8:30am

Friday 15th February

Non pupil day

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February

Half term holiday

Monday 25th February

First day of term, 8:30am

Friday 5th April

Last day of term, 3:15pm

Monday 8th - Thursday 18th April

Half term holiday

Friday 19th April

Good Friday

Monday 22nd April

Easter Monday