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A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Today may we not only unwrap presents, but may we discover more of your love.

Today may we not only eat on festive food, but may we feast on your faith.

Today may we not only cherish happy times with family and friends, but may we invite you into our lives.

Today 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.

Liturgical Celebrations



Monday 16th December *Junior Carol Concert 2.00pm*

Wednesday 18th December *Junior Carol Concert 6.30pm*

Wednesday 22nd January
12.30pm *St Vincent Pallotti Mass*



INFANT CHRISTMAS PLAYS: Well done to all the children for the fabulous Christmas plays. They all spoke their lines clearly, sang and danced beautifully and the acting was superb. I am constantly in awe of how much the children can learn in such a short time. Well done and thank you to all the staff for their hard work in producing such precious moments for us all to remember. Thank you also to the family and friends who supported the children and came to watch the plays. It was wonderful!

Thank you also to the parents who volunteered to serve tea and coffee at these events. Well done everyone.

CARDINAL WISEMAN ADVENT SERVICE: I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating the school choir for their lovely performance at the Carol Service last week. They sang beautifully and made us all very proud.

We are very lucky to have these opportunities and I would like to thank Mr Kiely, Headteacher at Cardinal Wiseman, and all his staff for including us in this most beautiful service and for providing such lovely refreshments afterwards. Thank you to everyone who was able to support this by joining in.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Marybelle and her colleagues were very busy on Wednesday cooking Christmas Lunch for everyone. All the staff and many parents, helped to serve Christmas Lunch to the children. We also had a surprise visit from Santa Claus who walked around and chatted with all the children. It was very exciting! Afterwards the children watched the pantomime Beauty and The Beast, performed by a visiting theatre company. We had a fantastic fun filled day and thoroughly enjoyed wearing our Christmas Jumpers.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came in to help as well as all the staff. It could not have happened without you.

SCHOOL CHOIR: The School Choir has visited The Meadows and Elm Lodge, local residential care homes over the last few weeks. The children sang a range of Christmas Carols and stayed for a while chatting to the residents who were thrilled, listening and singing along to the carols. The choir will be singing at Greenford Residents Christmas Lunch tomorrow.

POPPY APPEAL: Thank you to everyone for their generosity. With your help we raised whopping **£624.18**. That is an amazing amount. **Well done to everyone who helped.**



The Juniors have been busy practising for the Carol Service. Please join us on Monday at 2pm and Wednesday at 6.30pm, refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES will take place on **Thursday 19th in the afternoon**. As this is a fun day we have asked children to **wear their Christmas Jumpers** to school, to get them in the party mood! Please note that, as requested by parents, **there will be no fizzy drinks**.

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes on **Friday 20th**, the last day of term. Please note that school finishes at 1.30pm on this day.

SEPTEMBER 2020 ADMISSIONS: A reminder that the closing date for receipt of 2020 applications for Nursery and for Reception is 12.00 noon on 15th January 2020. **Parents must remember to complete and return both the local authority common application form and the school supplementary form for Reception applications.**

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION: Reminder there will be no After School Provision on Friday 20th December. All children must be collected at 1.30pm.

KEEPING THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE:

Your children will come home with many stories about what happens in school. Some of these will be minor and some of these will be more serious. More and more parents are contacting other parents to discuss or ask about something that their child witnessed in school. This is leading to a great deal of upset as this may be the first time a parent has heard of an incident as the school has not had the opportunity to make contact with them.

Please be mindful that a child will not know the full story or be able to put an incident into its full context. If your child comes home and tells you about something in school that concerns you please speak to your child's class teacher or to myself or Miss Paul.

I know that you would only be contacting another parent out of concern. However this is causing more anxiety. Please do not speak to other parents about what goes on in school. That is our job! **Thank you for your help with this matter.**

Online-Safety: A message to pupils:

Enjoy all your presents but keep safe this Christmas. Use technology sensibly and tell your parents if you see or hear anything that concerns you.



Diary Dates

December 2019

Wednesday 18th – 9.00am Key Stage

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Thursday 19th – 8.50am Coffee

Presentation of Projects

Thursday 19th – Class Parties

Thursday 19th – Term ends for Afternoon Nursery

Friday 20th – Term ends for Morning Nursery and Main School. School closes at 1.30pm

January 2020

Tuesday 7th – First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 15th – 9.00am Year 1

Phonics Workshop in the hall

Wednesday 15th – Year 2 trip to

Gunnersbury Park Museum

Tuesday 21st – Year 4 Vikings Workshop

Tuesday 28th – Year 6 Natural History Museum trip



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT CAROL CONCERT:

Monday 16th - 2.00pm Junior Carol Concert

Wednesday 18th - 6.30pm Junior Carol Concert

The evening Carol Service will be followed by Mince Pies and mulled wine in the hall.