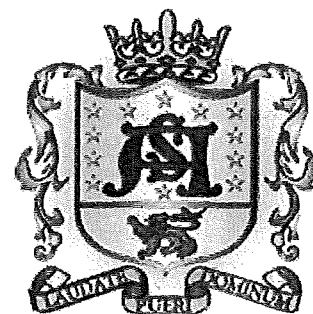


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Weekly Newsletter

3rd December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a time when we wait to celebrate Jesus' birth, on Christmas Day. The candles on the Advent Wreath demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World". We will light the first of the candles on our Advent Wreath – a purple one which symbolises hope, hope that Jesus is coming.

St. Ralph Sherwin Day

The staff and I enjoyed a wonderfully uplifting day in Chesterfield last Friday, when we met with the other 24 schools (around 800 colleagues!) in our Catholic multi-academy trust. This is the first time we've all gathered together in one place because our schools cover a large geographical area, from Derby in the south to Glossop in the north. Meeting new people, listening to inspiration speakers and celebrating Mass together brought us closer, as a family of Catholic schools. We received a framed print of St. Ralph Sherwin to display in school as a reminder that we are part of a larger family, one that can offer support and advice to each other. Thank you to Sean McClafferty, our trust CEO and to Joe Hopkins, our trust lay chaplain, for organising and running the day. The plan is to meet together again each year to celebrate our patron's feast day – next year will be on Friday 29th November 2019.

Advent Liturgy

The Chaplaincy Team will lead an Advent liturgy for the whole school, on Thursday 6th at 2.50 pm. All are warmly welcome to attend.

The Nativity

As Christmas approaches, children in Reception and EYFS have started practising for their performance of the Nativity. As the stage will be in place in the hall, P.E lessons will take place outside from now until the performances have ended. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outside P.E such as a sweatshirt/hoodie and joggers.

The two performances are on Tuesday 18th December at 2pm and Wednesday 19th December at 6pm (3 tickets per family, per show) **There will be no cost for attending either performance.**

There will be a draw for Golden Tickets for centre front row seats at the afternoon and evening performances of the show. **For fairness, only 1 ticket per child/ren can be purchased – this differs from the FOSA newsletter which suggested multiple entries could be made.** There will only be 8 pairs of tickets in the draw, 4 for the afternoon performance and 4 for the evening performance. Winning names will be pulled out of a hat at the Celebration Assembly on Fri 14th December. It's the luck of the draw which performance you win! To enter, put your child / children's name on an envelope with 50p and pop it in the FOSA box in Reception.

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Christmas Fair

One of our biggest fundraisers of the year takes place this Friday, 7th December, from 3.30-5pm and I believe we may have a very special visitor.....Father Christmas! There will be: Santa's Grotto, bottle tombola, glitter tattoos, craft stalls, games, parents' present room as well as external stalls selling Christmas goodies. We will also have the usual Christmas raffle with lots of amazing local prizes on offer! A BIG Thank You to everyone who has donated a raffle prize and bottles for the tombola stall, we really do value your support and generosity.
Please come along and enjoy the fun – bring a friend!

Christmas Carol Concerts

The EYFS/KS1 concert will take place on Wednesday 19th December and the KS2 concert on Thursday 13th December, between 2-3pm. Please come and listen to your children singing Christmas Nativity songs (EYFS/KS1) and traditional Christmas carols (KS2) from 2.30pm. Mulled wine (non-alcoholic option available) and mince pies will be on sale from 2pm.

First Holy Communion

A reminder to parents of baptised Catholic children in Year 3 to return the form if you wish your child to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion next year. A parents' information meeting will take place at St. Anne's Church parish centre this Wednesday evening, 5th December, at 7pm.

Celebration Assembly

This will return on Friday 7th, so remember to bring in any outside school achievements or awards you would like your child to be presented with in assembly. As always, everyone is welcome to attend, not just family and friends of children receiving recognition.

The Shrine

We will have an area for reflection in the shrine where children (and adults) can take some time to pray quietly. There will also be a prayer box where prayers can be left – we will choose some of these prayers to say in our EYFS/KS1 and KS2 collective worships each week.

Prayers

Please pray for all our family and friends who need our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them, during this special time of Advent.

Upcoming events

Remember to also check the website/school app/Dojo and newsletters for more information about future events and latest news.

Yours faithfully,

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