



ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2014



We have lots of activities planned and dates for your diary for the children on the run up to Christmas!



ADVENT MASS: Year 3 will be leading the whole school Advent Mass on Thursday 4th December at 9.15am - everyone is welcome to join as we start our Advent journey.

ADVENT REFLECTION: We will be holding reflections sessions during Advent at which the children can take time to reflect and pray together. These will take place on the three Wednesday's during December at 9.05am in the hall; everyone is welcome to join us.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAYS: The children will be taking part in two craft days co-ordinated by Miss Southworth and Miss Thelwell. Not only will the children create a keepsake which they will bring home they will also have a stall at the Christmas Fair selling items which have been made by different year groups across the whole school.

EYFS NATIVITY: The children in Nursery and Reception Class will be performing a traditional Christmas Story in the School Hall on Friday 12th December at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend this fantastic event and we wish our children in EYFS good luck in their performance!



CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER: The Kitchen will be serving two festive meals with a Traditional Christmas Dinner on Thursday 11th December and a Party Dinner on Wednesday 17th December. All children in school can have a meal on these days even if they normally have sandwiches. Each meal costs £2.05 for children in Nursery or Years 3 to 6, meals for children in Reception, 1 and 2 are free under the Universal Infant School Meal Initiative

If your child does usually have sandwiches but would like a school meal on either or both of these days please complete and return the slip below with your payment (nursery and Years 3 to 6 only) to school before Wednesday 26th November 2014. Please be aware that orders will not be accepted after this date due to kitchen deadlines.



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME: We have arranged for all the children to enjoy a traditional Christmas Pantomime in School on Thursday 11th December. The pantomime will take place in the afternoon and will finish at 3.10pm therefore please don't worry if the classrooms look empty as all the children will be in the hall!



KS1 PRODUCTION AND CAROLS: Year 1 and 2 will be telling the Christmas Story in School on Tuesday 16th December at 1.30pm and 6.30pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The afternoon performance will be preceded by a selection of Christmas Carols sung by the children in Years 3 to 6 and a Violin Performance from Year 4.

PARTY DAY! Christmas Party Day is on Wednesday 17th December 2014. The children will enjoy a day of Christmas activities including a visit from Freddie Fit and a very special guest. This day will be non-uniform as a Christmas treat for the children!

CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER ORDER FORM FOR CHILDREN NOT ON SCHOOL DINNERS PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2014

My child _____ in Year _____ would like:

Christmas Dinner on Thursday 11th December 2014.

Party Dinner On Wednesday 17th December 2014.

I enclose payment of £2.05 / £4.10 in cash or cheque payable to TMBC (please delete as applicable)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

WILLOW WOOD FUNDRAISING: Once again we have Christmas Beanies available for the children to purchase on behalf of Willow Wood Hospice; these will cost £2.00 each. In addition to the Beanies we will also have sets of Reindeer Antlers and Flashing Noses available; again these will cost £2.00 per set. These will be sold in school from Wednesday 10th December.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 18th December from 2.00pm in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome and the kitchen will be serving refreshments on the afternoon. We will be having two non-uniform days in support of the Christmas Fair and ask for donations for these non-uniform days as follows;



Friday 12th December - Wrapped Cake Donations: Nursery-Year 2, Chocolate Donations: Year 3-6,
Monday 15th December - Bottle Donations - Whole School

CHRISTMAS MASS: Finally our last event during Advent and Christmas will be a Whole School and Community Mass on Thursday 18th December at 9.15am - again everyone is welcome.

School will close at 1.15pm on Friday 19th December - School will open at 8.55am on Monday 5th January
We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

DECEMBER 2014		
Tuesday 2 nd	Advent Reflection Session 1	9.05am
Thursday 4 th	Advent Mass	9.15am
Monday 8 th - Tuesday 9 th	Christmas Craft Days	
Tuesday 9 th	Advent Reflection Session 2	9.05am
Thursday 11 th	Christmas Dinner Pantomime - Jack & The Beanstalk	Lunchtime 2.00pm
Friday 12 th	Nursery & Reception Nativity Non Uniform Day - Chocolate/Wrapped Cake Donations	9.15am
Monday 15 th	Non Uniform Day - Bottle Donations	
Tuesday 16 th	Advent Reflection Session 3 Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play Carol Concert and Violin Performance	9.05am 1.30pm & 6.30pm 1.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Party Day Non Uniform Day Party Dinner Freddie Fit	All Day All Day Lunch
Thursday 18 th	Whole School Christmas Mass Christmas Fair	9.15am 2.00pm
Friday 19 th	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	1.15pm

CHRISTMAS MEALS - ORDERING SLIP

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2014