



# ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2015



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

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Each Advent we seek to undertake a charitable event or fundraise for a charitable cause. This year we have decided to support the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We ask that each child fill a shoebox and return it to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, it will then be collected and distributed around the world for a child in need to receive and enjoy at Christmas. Full details can be found on the homepage of the school website.



**ADVENT MASS:** Year 4 will be leading the whole school Advent Mass on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am - 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 Tuesday's during December at 9.15am in the hall; everyone is welcome to join us.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER:** The Kitchen will be serving two festive meals with a Traditional Christmas Dinner on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December and a Party Dinner on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. All children in school can have a meal on these days even if they normally have sandwiches. Each meal costs £2.10 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 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Please be aware that orders will not be accepted after this date due to kitchen deadlines.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT:** After Christmas Dinner on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be taking part in a craft afternoon. 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 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend this fantastic event and we wish our children in EYFS good luck in their performance!



**KS1 PRODUCTION AND CAROLS:** Year 1 and 2 will be telling the Christmas Story in School on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER ORDER FORM FOR CHILDREN NOT ON SCHOOL DINNERS PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in Year \_\_\_\_\_ would like:

Christmas Dinner on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Party Dinner On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

I enclose payment of £2.10 / £4.20 in cash or cheque payable to TMBC (please delete as applicable)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTY DAY!** Christmas Party Day is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The children will have a day of Christmas fun including a disco in the morning and a visit from a very special guest - this is an own clothes day too so get your party clothes on!

In the afternoon we have arranged for all the children to enjoy a traditional Christmas Pantomime. The pantomime will start at 2.00pm therefore please don't worry if the classrooms look empty at home time as all the children will be in the hall!



**CHRISTMAS MASS:** There will be a Whole School and Community Mass on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am to which everyone is welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR & NON UNIFORM DAYS:** The Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 2.00pm in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome and the kitchen will be serving refreshments in the afternoon. We will be having two non-uniform days in support of the Christmas Fair and ask for donations on these non-uniform days as follows;

Christmas Dinner Day - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December -Chocolate Donations  
 Christmas Party Day - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Bottle Donations

School will close at 1.15pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - School will open at 8.55am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
 We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

NOVEMBER 2015		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Deadline	AM
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Mass	10.00am
DECEMBER 2015		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Advent Reflection Session 1	9.15am
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Reflection Session 2	9.15am
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations Christmas Dinner Craft Afternoon	All Day Lunchtime PM
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery & Reception Nativity	9.00am
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Reflection Session 3 Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play KS2 Carol Concert	9.15am 1.30pm & 6.30pm 1.30pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Non Uniform Day Christmas Party Day Party Dinner Pantomime - Mother Goose	All Day All Day Lunch 2.00pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Christmas Mass Christmas Fair	10.00am 2.00pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	1.15pm

### CHRISTMAS MEALS - ORDERING SLIP

**DEADLINE: THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**