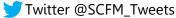
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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

Father Gregory joined us in school on Monday to help us prepare our hearts and minds in the season of Advent. Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children and staff joined together for a Saying Sorry Service. This was followed by our Key Stage 2 children and staff joining together for a Penitential Service. The children in KS2, who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation, were then given the option to go to confession or for a blessing and a chat with Father Gregory.

This Advent season our theme is 'Find the silence through the noise'. This week in school we have created silent moments to help the children and staff say sorry for the mistakes they have made. This is all part of us preparing our hearts and minds this Advent.

Thank you for your donations so far to our Advent appeals. The basket for the Gianna Project is filling up nicely and each class has already collected a great number of items for the Food Bank with their reverse advent calendars. We welcome every contribution and know that they will make a huge difference to those that need our support this Christmas.





God Bless

Mr D Copley, Mrs Walsh and Miss Burgess

Christingle Service

Can we remind all our families that the **Christingle Service** at First Martyrs' Church, Heights Lane, is to be held this **Sunday 11th December** during the Children's Liturgy at the **10.30am Mass**. After Mass there will be free hotdogs available in the Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our families to come together to celebrate Jesus Christ as the 'Light of the World'.

SVP

Please can I remind all families that the SVP (Saint Vincent De Paul) Society are working in our Parish. This charity supports families and individuals in a variety of ways at times of hardship. If your family could do with some extra help at this time please either contact Mrs Bamford in school or Mr Brian Rowe at St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Church. In complete confidence.



Our Statement to Live By this week: Simple things can make us happy

Events This Term

Class	Event	Date	Time
Whole School	Christmas Lunch	Fri 9 th Dec	Lunchtime.
Nursery/Reception	Nativity	Tues 13 th Dec	10.00 am. Everyone invited.
Years 1 & 2	Nativity	Thurs 15 th Dec	2.00 pm. Everyone invited.
Years 5 & 6	Advent Carol Service	Mon 19 th Dec	7.00pm St Cuthbert's
			Church. Everyone invited.
All Classes	Carols by the Crib	Tues 20 th Dec	2.00pm. Everyone invited.

Excellence in all we do. Outstanding every day.

Attendance

Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Can you reach our whole school target of 97%?

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE	% LAST WEEK	% ATTENDANCE
	TARGET	w/b 28/11/2016	this year to date
Reception	97	98.19	96.51
Year 1	97	98.57	97.59
Year 2	97	99.33	95.63
Year 3	97	95.33	96.38
Year 4	97	94.19	97.40
Year 5	97	95.10	97.55
Year 6	97	99.32	98.42
Whole School	97	97.14	97.06
NEW TARGET	97%	97%	97%

If we reach 97% our attendance will be Outstanding. Over the last few years we have all worked tirelessly to improve attendance. Please help us reach our target!



Every week we look to celebrate excellence in all we do. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize!

Celebration Worship Leaderboard				
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners		
Nursery:	Mini Skulls			
Reception:	Little Treasures			
Year 1:	Scurvy Landbubbers			
Year 2:	Broken Bones			
Year 3:	Plank Walkers			
Year 4:	Deadly Fours			
Year 5:	Miss Dobson's Daaarrrlins			
Year 6:	Shiver My Sixers			

Congratulations to:

Zara Hussain, Sakina Rosaf, Brooke Craven, Burhan Qureshi, Emma Awingan, Daijo Jentin, Abbas Hussain and Kenyah Sorhaindo-Ranger who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for last week in our Celebration Worship last Friday.



If your child has achieved something outside of school we will celebrate their achievements in our special Celebration Worship. However, due to all the children being so unbelievably talented we celebrate this on the last Friday in the month.



Christmas Disco

This is to be held on **Friday 16th December 2016**. Flyers have been sent out with all the details. Entrance to the Disco is by ticket only. We are still looking for donations of Tombola prizes from our parents to help make this event a great success. We would also like donations for the Raffle.



School Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be next **Friday 9th December**. Children and staff can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. Children to wear their Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper/cardigan.

Children's Birthdays

Reminder that no party bags or cakes should be sent into school for birthdays due to allergies. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday you may send in a small wrapped sweet to be given to children at home time. No Nuts of any kind. Many thanks for your understanding.

Safe Parking

For the safety of all our children and families please do not double park in the middle of the road to drop off your children. This is very dangerous and illegal.

Outstanding Payments

Please could you make sure that all payments for Extended Schools, Lunches and Swimming monies are up to date before we break up for the Christmas Holiday.

SBSJ

SBSJ are holding a Multi Sports Holiday Camp during the Christmas Holidays. This is to be held on **19**th/**21**st **December** at the Ardor Site. **£10.00 per day**. To book a place or for further information please contact Mr Hussain on **shussain@sbsj.co.uk**

Information from the Diocese - Leeds Trinity University Carol Service

This is to be held on the **8th December at 7pm**. Everyone is invited for an evening of carols in the University Chapel, followed by festive refreshments. This is free of charge service. For more information please email: chaplaincy@leedstrinity.ac.uk

Please see the Diocese website for details. http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news/latest-news/

REMINDER

The last day of this term is Tuesday 20th December. There will be no After School Club on this day. School reopens on Tuesday 3rd January 2017



Please visit the Friends Facebook page https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=424388321072615

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Miss Burgess, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Walsh, or Mr Copley.