



St Clement's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

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KEY STAGE 2 ADVENT SERVICES

The services on Monday and Tuesday in our school hall were truly beautiful. The readings, songs, carols and acting helped prepare us all for Christmas. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing the children for the service and to families for allowing the children to attend both services at such a busy time. The photos at the end of the newsletter were taken at the dress rehearsal on Monday morning. Thank you to everyone who donated to our retiring collections after the Key Stage 1 performances and the Advent services.

We raised £150.00 for Mission together after the Key Stage 1 performances. £511 was raised at the Advent services. Thank-you for your generosity. The money collected will be jointly shared to purchase a defibrillator in memory of John Green and our school fund to improve the stage lighting.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We would like to thank the kitchen staff for cooking a beautiful Christmas lunch on Wednesday which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils and staff. It was a fantastic effort by Miss Clare, Miss Tracey, Miss Dawn and Miss Kathy to cook Christmas lunch for nearly 260 people. George Warner, Millie Davey, Gabrielle Green and Marc Corpuz were awarded a prize by the kitchen staff for their politeness and good manners throughout the term. Photographs of the lunch are at the end of the newsletter.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all the children who achieved 100% attendance for this term. We handed out over 77 certificates at our awards assembly today. The children with 100% for the entire academic year will be treated to a special afternoon in the last week of the Summer term.

100% ATTENDANCE

GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to the children from St Clement's who represented us in a recent beam and vault competition against other local schools. Our school came joint third which is a fantastic achievement. Well done!



SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners from 6th January 2016 to 12th February (half-term) amounts to £60.20. You may pay online via ParentPay or by cash/cheque via the school office. Please let us know if your child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunch or visa versa.

BOOK PRIZE WINNERS

The following children have been awarded book prizes for their hard work and positive attitude this term. Our book prizes are awarded termly by each class teacher to one child who they think has gained confidence, self-esteem and shown resilience and determination to succeed. This award is only awarded once in your child's career at St Clement's.

Reception	Lily Bloomfield
Year 1	Sebastian Purcell
Year 2	Laura Reynolds
Year 3	Angelynne Dakay
Year 4	Philip David
Year 5	Liam Wijewardana
Year 6	Olivia Dunn



HOUSEPOINTS

Here are the results for this term's housepoints:-



1st	St Francis
2nd	St Benedict
3rd	St Margaret
4th	St Clare

Congratulations to St Francis for achieving the highest points for the Autumn term.

NEW ICT SMARTBOARDS

We had two new ICT smartboards fitted in Year 4 and Year 1 last week. They are a fantastic addition to the classrooms. A huge thank-you to the Friends of St Clement's for purchasing the boards.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Governing Body's Autumn Newsletter was sent out earlier this week. Please take a few minutes to read the updates.

JOHN LENNON'S 'WAR IS OVER'

John Lennon's 'War is Over' was sung at our Advent Services this week. A video clip of the children in KS2 singing this song will be sent to Yoko Ono by one of our parents, Roberto Neri who has connections with Yoko Ono as he manages John Lennon's back catalogue.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

May we please remind parents that your child must attend school wearing the correct school uniform e.g. Key Stage 2 children must wear a v-neck jumper and not a round neck jumper as this displays the tie. Your child's jumper or cardigan must have the St Clement's logo embossed on the front. Girls must have their hair tied up with a single hair tie and simple clips and/or hair-bands, not multi-coloured bows/flowers etc.

ADVENT SERVICE





YEAR 6 SINGING CAROLS AT PRIORY COURT CARE HOME

Our Year 6 children visited Priory Court on Thursday to sing carols to the residents; this is a fantastic opportunity for our children to enrich the lives of others. The staff who accompanied the children were absolutely delighted with the confidence and friendliness that the children displayed with the residents of Priory Court.

The following email received today summed up the visit:-

'I was visiting my mum, Helen (91) at Priory Court Care Home this morning when the children came in to sing carols. Mum's face was a picture, she absolutely loved seeing the children. It's her first Christmas at Priory Court and the children's visit was very special. I just wanted to thank you all for bringing this joy and pleasure, it means so much to Mum and the other residents. The children were extremely friendly and polite and as absolute credit to the school. Thank you. Kind regards. Karen and on behalf of Mum, Helen.'



Advent Reflection

We have so often heard the story that when the Holy Family reached Bethlehem, many doors were slammed as there was no room for them. In this hectic time, so close to Christmas, let us make sure that we take our inspiration from the kind Innkeeper. He was able to find room for this young family even though he was already crowded. Let the rest of this Advent season be a time where we can make sure that we open our doors.

*O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight*

CHRISTMAS LUNCH PHOTOS



TIM PEAKE

On Tuesday 15th December, astronaut Tim Peake, took part in a mission to fly to the International Space Station. He is the first British astronaut to ever do this, and we at St Clement's want to offer our full support to this important mission. Our older children watched the live launch with great excitement and all wished they could follow in his footsteps!



The children have had a very busy week with services late into the evening, the pantomime 'Scrooge', the Gift Room (thank you friends who helped), Christmas lunch (some great jumpers and truly fabulous hats) class parties with dining and dancing and still they have managed to squeeze some work in here and there and have kept their smiles and good manner throughout!

Thank-you to all our fabulous staff who work so hard to make the learning and all the other elements of school life so good for our children.

We thank you all for your lovely cards and gifts and hope you have a peaceful, safe and holy Christmas.

There is a staff training day on January 5th so the **children return to school at on Wednesday 6th January 2016.**