



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st December 2018

## IT'S A PARTY!

Reception and Key Stage 1 children delighted their parents and relatives on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December when they performed their Nativity Play. 'It's a Party!' told the story of the birth of Jesus through the eyes of the angels. The performance included great acting, comedy and lots of lovely singing. Year 2 performed to parents prior to the play, singing with lovely clear voices and well timed dancing. They also provided the musical accompaniment to 'It's a Party!' using the percussion instruments.

Throughout their entertaining performance, the children constantly reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas and that Jesus brings joy to the world.



**SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN AT THE USUAL TIME  
ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

# THE ADVENT SERVICE

The Key Stage 2 Advent Services this week were beautiful. Rachel and Poppy from Year 6 have written the following words which sum up the sentiment of the services perfectly;

**This year we were aiming to truly emphasise the point of Christmas in our Advent Service. Some people think that Christmas is all about presents, parties and roast dinner but this really is not the case. The celebration is based on Jesus' birth and how it changed the world forever. We have worked incredibly hard to recreate such a beautiful event. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed it and wish you a Merry Christmas.**

Special thanks to all staff for planning such meaningful and thought provoking words and carols and for giving all the children the opportunity to take part in such a special service over the two evenings.



**YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AT THE NATIVITY AND ADVENT SERVICES HAVE RAISED THE HUGE SUM OF £955 FOR THE ST CLEMENT'S SCHOOL FUND. THANKYOU!**

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A huge thankyou to Miss Toni, Miss Jackie, Miss Gilyan and Miss Zaira for cooking such a delicious Christmas lunch on Thursday which was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and staff. We were treated to roast turkey with all the trimmings and chocolate muffins to follow. The pupils wore their fabulous Christmas hats and a festive time was had by all!



# ANCHOR BOOK WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who received Headteacher Awards at our recent Anchor Assembly;

<b>Year 6</b>	Mary Eburne and Lola Barreiro Tuke
<b>Year 5</b>	Daniel Vaughan and Tobiasz Buczek
<b>Year 4</b>	Mia Andrews and Sebastian Purcell
<b>Year 3</b>	Thea Lopez and Lola Dixon
<b>Year 2</b>	Eva Nader and Ellis Forrestal-Williams
<b>Year 1</b>	Blue Warren and Imoh Isemin
<b>Reception</b>	Bertie Charge and Chloe Chandler

# BOOK PRIZES

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 given once in your child's career at St Clement's.

Reception: **Harry Maker**

Year 2: **Enya Thompson**

Year 4: **Freddie Conlan**

Year 6: **Elliott Manning**

Year 1: **Sylvie Self**

Year 3: **Ben Hillier**

Year 5: **Sienna Roberts**

# PRIZE WINNING TRIP



On Monday Jay, one of our Year 5 pupils, was given the wonderful opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament with his family as part of his prize for winning MP Chris Grayling's Design a Christmas Card Competition. Jay and his family were treated to a tour by Chris Grayling himself where they were shown all the sights and saw many camera crews filming reports for the news.

Jay was then presented with a silver trophy, which he said was the best part of the day and a Christmas Card (his design of course!) signed by Chris Grayling. Jay thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity this unique prize has given him and we are very proud of his achievement. Well done!

# 100% ATTENDANCE

Certificates were awarded at the end of term assembly to pupils who achieved 100% attendance this term. We thank parents for their ongoing support in helping the children to achieve good school attendance.

# PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE

Bishop Richard has written to all the schools in the diocese about the Pastoral Plan that he has presented. Every family has been issued with a leaflet, *'The Word Who is Life'*, that sets out the plan and the future shape of the diocese. There are a few spare copies in the office if you have not received the information already through your parish.

# THE GAZEBO IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!



On Monday 17th December the School Council from Years 1-6 and the two oldest and youngest children from Reception were delighted to cut the red ribbon to mark the official opening of the brand new gazebo in the new astro area. They were also ecstatic to be the first children to try it out!

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### ASTHMA SPACERS

If your child has an asthma spacer at school, it will be given back to them today to be washed.

**Please ensure it is returned again, clean, on the first day of term.**

### SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of school dinners for next **half term** will be **£69.00** payable via Parentmail. Any changes in the new term from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa requires a week's notice to the School Office.

### TERM DATES

Term dates for the rest of this academic year are available on the school website along with the dates for 2019-20 which have now been finalised.

# EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING 2019

The new timetable of School Clubs has been sent to you via Parentmail together with the corresponding information flyers. Most of the clubs remain the same as this term except Origami Club which will no longer be running. **Please contact clubs directly** for further information, to register and pay for your child and not the School Office.

The timetable and flyers are also available on the school website and the timetable can also be found on the noticeboard outside the school office.

Friends of St Clement's



# £5,800 RAISED!

The Friends of St. Clement's would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who was involved in the organising and running of our Christmas Fayre. The day was a wonderful success, the atmosphere was great and everyone enjoyed all the festive activities.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our Fayre. All your efforts in selling raffle tickets, bringing family and friends along on the day and the excitement of all the children wanting to take part in all our activities have helped us raise a fantastic £5,800. This is a huge amount of money and will make a massive difference to our school. However, none of this would have been possible without everyone's support.

Once again, the Friends of St. Clement's would like to thank you all and wish everyone a wonderful Christmas.

# AND FINALLY...

Thank you for all your kind wishes and gifts that the staff have received,  
they are very much appreciated.

We wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas holiday and we look forward  
to welcoming you back in the new year.