

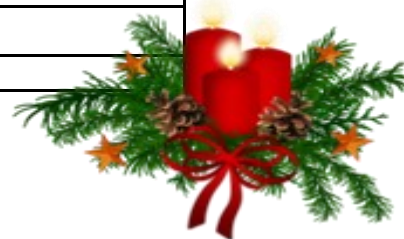


St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 13 Friday 17/12/2021

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Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought that we were getting used to living with Covid-19 but the active Covid cases in school this term definitely made us realise it is here for a while! I thought we were invincible - and then when the cases started to trickle in and then rise, we got to experience, at first hand, the impact of this virus on those who had Covid-19, their families and friends and the school community. We have tried our very best to keep the school experience for children as close to normal as possible and so events like our LIVE LOVE LEARN week, sports events and the Christmas Nativity play have gone ahead for the children. We know, however, that the experience for parents has changed because of our systems of control and Risk Assessment which we have to put in place to keep the children and our staff as safe as practically possible. We know that you are missing more regular contact with your child's teacher and the opportunity to come into school eg Friday celebration assembly, the Prepare To Be Proud event which we had organised within an inch of our life to ensure that you could come into the classroom safely, watching your child's first Nativity play in person. But with every obstacle we have found a Plan B - mostly in the form of videos - to share these experiences with you.

I would like to thank you from the very bottom of my heart for your support, understanding and patience as we continue to adapt to the ever- changing rules and regulations and I sincerely hope that 2022 presents itself with greater opportunities for us to open our doors once again to you, our parents and carers.

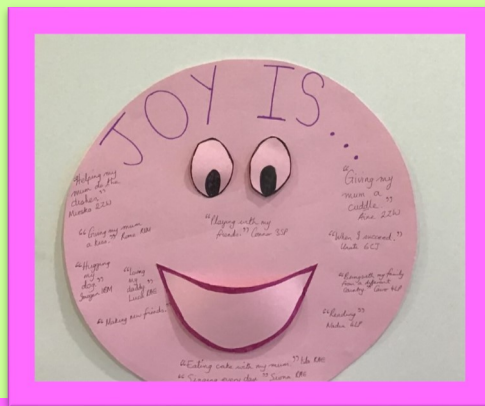
On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to thank you for all that you do in working in partnership with us to provide your children with the best experiences of school life at this time. We wish you a peaceful, holy and joyous Christmas.

Holding you all in love and prayer,
Mrs Baron

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—JOY



On Monday of this week, we lit the third candle on our Advent wreath (the rose/pink one) and reflected on our advent mantra: 'We are waiting . . . in JOY'. As you can see from the photo of our Advent display the children were able to share lots of things that bring them joy, ranging from 'hugs/kisses/cuddles with their mum/dad/



pets' to 'reading' and 'singing' but my favourite, which was shared by Isla in RAE, was 'eating cakes with my mum'! Oh what joy! What brings you joy in your everyday life?

How can you spread the JOY of Christmas this advent time?

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT— LOVE



On Monday 20th December, we will light our 4th candle on our Advent wreath and we will reflect on our Advent mantra, 'We are waiting . . . in LOVE'. We will talk about how Jesus

showed love to everyone he met. He never judged. He opened his arms and welcomed everyone, inviting but not insisting on us to follow him. In our Monday Gospel Act of Worship the children will share how they follow Jesus by showing love to others - our display will be full of LOVE HEARTS - extending LOVE to everyone.

CRIB SERVICE - MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER



Due to active cases of Covid-19 in school we were unable to invite you to our annual Carols By Candle-light service. However, to avoid disappointment, we have gone to Plan B and prepared a whole school Crib Service which we will video on Monday 20th December. We will send this home to you via Schoolping and we will also add it to DB Primary. We hope you will enjoy it watching it together with family and/or friends, and that it helps to enhance your personal preparations for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day.

Our Crib Service ends with a prayer. We have included it below—you may wish to say this together as a family:

May love come alive within your heart, As Christmas time draws near

May hope fill each room you decorate and bring joy to those you hold dear

May peace be before you at every meal, And faith ring through every song

For Christ is alive – the light of the world, May he bless you all season long. Amen

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Giving Tree.

We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

All of the gifts from EYFS and KS1 will be given to PALS at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

Gifts from KS2 have been delivered to Gloucester City Mission this morning who were incredibly grateful to receive these gifts.

Giving in this way is a wonderful way of showing that we are living out our school vision to be active in our community. Thank you so much for your support.



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS & A CHRISTMAS PARTY



Children should wear their school uniform to school on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December but they may swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper on both of these days.



In the afternoon of Monday 20th December, all children will be treated to a Christmas Party in their class, funded by the PFA and the Governors.

Year 3 have been writing poetry inspired by the book, How the Stars Came to Be by Poonam Mistry. Here is a brilliant example of the work produced.

Lunar Moon by Logan

Hi it's me, the Moon, you see.

Some people think I am cheese but all I am is rock and dust.

I look like a somersaulting C.

I could be a tiger's claw,

Scratching through the surface of space or a floating fantasy.

The twinkling star shine drowns me and

I am the ball of light shining on the Christmas tree of stars.

I'm small compared to all the stars and planets like Mars

And I could be an orb of rock and dust or a coin that God dropped.

But no, all I am is me, the Lunar Moon, you see.



PE

There is NO PE on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December. All children should wear their school uniform to school - swapping the school jumper for a Christmas jumper if desired. Thank you.

THE WHITE COLLECTION

COMMUNION SALE

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th January 11am-3pm

Dresses at 50% off

Shoes, Veils, Gloves, Hairpieces, Dolly Bags

At Our Portishead Boutique

6-8 High Street, Portishead, BS20 7NA

01275 818800

OUR JANUARY CORE VALUE

The children have voted for next term's Core Value as follows:

COURAGE: 64

Perseverance: 48

Responsibility: 89

Wisdom: 73

Therefore, when we return to school in January 'we will shine in Jesus' light when we are

RESPONSIBLE'.

Dear Parents/Carers,

May I respectfully remind you that the parking spaces on Mayhill Way are private spaces allocated to the people who live there. Yesterday, a parent was seen being verbally abusive and threatening to a resident and this is wholly unacceptable.

I know that parking is a nightmare but there is public parking at ASDA or Morrisons and both offer a shortcut walk way through to the school. Both these destinations are safer alternatives and are only a 15 minute walk from the school.

I would be very grateful if you would seriously consider these options as a safer and more suitable alternative.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Baron



PFA RAFFLE WINNERS

Year Group	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	4 th Prize
Reception	Mylie	Mason	Isla	Niamh
Y1	Jack	Aubrey	Paige	Rozalia
Y2	Aine	Maria	Noah	Anriekka
Y3	Codie	Jake	Anne-Marie	Oliver
Y4	Anne	Libby	Dabius	Nia
Y5	Dominik	Emmanuel	Shanelle	Monce
Y6	Zaine	Shaathvika	Julia	Scarlett

Many thanks to the PFA for organizing the raffle and purchasing the prizes.

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. Congratulations to all the prize winners. We will let you know how much we raised in the new year, when the PFA have counted all the money.



NEW COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Daily testing of close contacts for COVID-19 – updated guidance for schools (From the Department of Education)

From Tuesday 14th December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are **strongly advised** to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

We have now updated the [schools COVID-19 operational guidance](#) and will shortly update other sector guidance documents to reflect this. Updated frequently asked questions will also be available soon on the [early years and primary schools document sharing platform](#), and the [secondary schools and colleges document sharing platform](#).

Daily testing of close contacts of COVID-19 will help make education and child-care settings safer and help keep children and young people in face-to-face education.

Friday 26th November

Reception



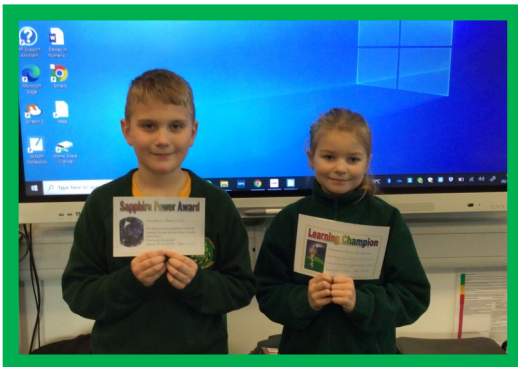
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Year 2



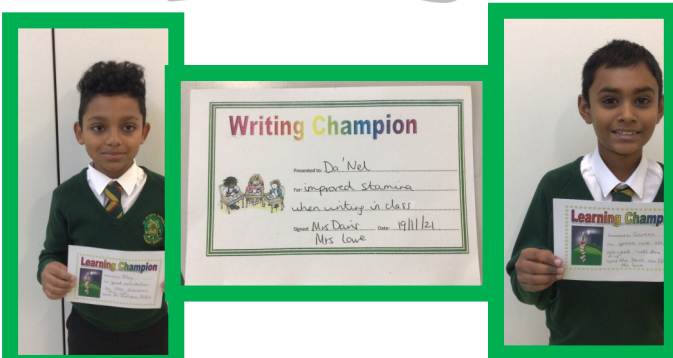
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Friday 3rd December

Reception



Year 1

Year 2



Year 3

Year 4



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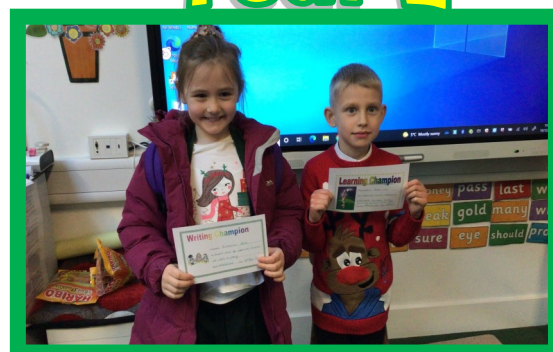
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Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 21st Dec	Whole School	Christmas Mass	9.15am
Tuesday 21st Dec	Whole School	Finish at 1.00pm	
Thursday 6th Jan	Whole School	Start of the New Term	

DINNER MENU – w/c 20th DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday
Macaroni Cheese	Sausage Roll
Vegetable & Bean Fajitas	Tomato, Lentil Pasta Bake
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

HOUSE POINTS

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Totals	
Fire	149	Fire	1704
Earth	146	Earth	1629
Water	135	Water	1574
Wind	102	Wind	1597



Congratulations
to
Fire