



January 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to our first newsletter of the new year. I hope you all had an enjoyable and prayerful Christmas time. I wish you all the very best as we start this new year together.

School Uniform

A reminder that children should be wearing full school uniform to school each day. We continue to have our 'Uniform Exchange' available for all children that may require this. This is available daily in our main foyer. Thank you for your support with this.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all your generous donations for the Reverse Advent Calendar this was collected by Fr Martin before the holidays.

December Review

During December we were delighted to be able to return to so many of our loved events as we prepared for Christmas time. Thank you to all the people that were able to attend our School Christmas Fayre. This was beautifully opened by Ms Donnelly and the school choir. A huge thank you to Friends of Mount Carmel who supported with the organisation of this event and helped to make it such a success. This event helped to raise over £1500 for the FOMC group. Thank you also to Friends of Mount Carmel for your generous donations of selection boxes for all of our children. Primary 1-3 were delighted to see Santa and receive this special gift. Our Christmas parties were great fun and the children thoroughly enjoyed all the different party games.

House Prize

During December our children in Water House were delighted to win the terms House Prize. We all enjoyed bowling and a special lunch together. Thank you to the Pupil Council for some suggestions for our next House Prize. Our children work hard to get house points throughout the term. Best of luck this term and keep trying hard.

Christmas Show

We were delighted to return to hosting a Christmas celebration for our parents and carers. Thank you to all that attended this and to all our staff, pupils and FOMC for making this such a beautiful occasion.

New Term

Over the coming days please have a look at our blog as each class will be providing information about the different activities they will be working on this term.

Sacrament Preparation

We continue to help support the preparation of our children as they prepare to make further sacraments this year.

Please see below for some important dates from January - June from Fr Martin. I know you will join me in keeping all of the children in our prayers as they make their preparations.

Dates

Sunday 22 January 2023 At Sunday Mass: Do this in Memory 5

Saturday 11 February 2023 Children's Retreat for Confirmation, St Joseph's Church, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Children to bring packed lunch; ends with parents' meeting (2.00 pm - 2.30 pm)

Sunday 12 February 2023 At Sunday Mass: Do this in Memory 6

Thursday 16 February 2023 Sacrament of Confirmation, St Joseph's Church, 7.00 pm

Sunday 19 March 2023 At Sunday Mass: Do this in Memory 7

Tuesday 28 March 2023 Joint Penance Service, St Matthew's Church, 7.00 pm P4 children to attend for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 2 April 2023 At (Palm) Sunday Mass: Do this in Memory 8

Thursday 6 April 2023 Holy Thursday Mass in own parish: children involved in Washing of Feet

Sunday 9 April 2023 Easter Sunday

Sunday 23 April 2023 At Sunday Mass: Do this in Memory 9

Saturday 6 May 2023 Children's Retreat for First Communion, St Matthew's Church, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Children to bring packed lunch

Health Promoting School

A reminder that as a Health Promoting School we encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please do not send children to school with juice in their class water bottle or fizzy juice for break/lunch times. Some children have also had energy drinks in school – again please do not send these with your child. They will be removed and given back to the child at the end of the day. Please also consider the snacks that you are providing. Children can now all access a piece of fruit daily in school so they do not require crisps and sweets for snacks.

Parent Council

Our next session will take place on Tuesday 17th January at 7pm and will again be in the school.

School App and School blog

All of our school information is available via the school app and blog. Please follow the links for these items:

[School Blog](#)

Please use the QR code to download our school app for the most recent information as well as calendar and lunch details.



School App for Parents

Please download **School App for Parents** that lets you see news, dates and receive important messages.

A QR code is displayed on the left side of the graphic. To its right, two smartphones are shown displaying the app's interface. The app features a green header with the title 'School App for Parents' and a menu icon. Below the header, there are sections for 'News', 'Messages', and 'Calendar'. The calendar section shows dates from July to August, with specific events like 'After school club' and 'Homework Club' listed. The bottom of the app interface has a navigation bar with icons for home, messages, calendar, and settings.

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Kind regards,

Mrs Fergusson

Head Teacher