



**ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**December 2022**



*"Within our learning community, we will inspire one another to achieve our full potential.  
Children, families and staff will be supported, challenged and listened to. Rights for all will be respected and promoted, with Christ and love at the centre of everything we do.  
Working in positive partnerships, highly motivated staff will actively strive to create a nurturing, stimulating and joyful environment - **making learning fun!**"*

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**Staffing Update**

Mrs Hamilton (P3 Class Teacher) and Mrs Lusk (P7 Class Teacher) are currently absent from school due to ill-health. We wish Mrs Lusk and Mrs Hamilton a speedy recovery.

During the period of Mrs Lusk and Mrs Hamilton's absence, P3 and P7 class teaching commitment has been covered by members of the Senior Leadership Team and supply teaching staff. A separate letter regarding arrangements to ensure continuity for our children has been issued to parents/carers of our P3 children, and our P7 children.

**Laudato Si Steering Group  
for**

Our Laudato Si Steering Group have been busy this term thinking about our "Laudato Si Schools" approach and how we can respond to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

The group have identified the 2 new quotes which our school will focus on for this year.

Quote 1 "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are growing up now?"

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Quote 7 "The current global situation has become a 'seedbed for collective selfishness'. When people become self-centred their greed increases. The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume".

**On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we would like to invite all of our families and parish members to join us in the upper playground at 2pm, as we take part in a short prayer service to show our commitment to caring for our common home through action this year focusing on the 2 quotes (above).**

**\*\* REMINDER \*\***

**St. Andrew's Day holiday**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

(school closed to pupils on this day).

School re-opens to pupils on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December 2022

**Christmas Break**

School closes for Christmas break on  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm.  
School re-opens on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023



### **Trinity High School News**

During Catholic Education Week in November, all of the schools in our cluster celebrated the work of our schools towards “Community, Participation, and Mission”, which was this year’s theme for Catholic Education Week.

We were delighted to celebrate Catholic Education Sunday with Mr Marshall, Mrs McKillop and senior pupils of Trinity High School, and would like to thank all of our children, families and staff who supported us so well in attending this Mass.

During Catholic Education week, both Trinity High School and St. Anne’s distributed information booklets outlining our faith work – please do contact the school office if you would like a copy.

Our backdrop for our Christmas Nativity concert was sadly looking a little “tired”, and so we contacted Trinity High School Art department who are very kindly going to work with some senior pupils to develop and prepare a new backdrop for us for the Nativity Concerts! Many thanks to Trinity High School for this.

### **Parent Council**

**We NEED you.  
Can you HELP?**

**Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm**

If you did not attend our last Parent Council meeting, please do feel very welcome to attend our next one on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Many thanks for your continued support of the fundraising activities of the Parent Council, as money donated to the school really does make a huge difference to us as we work towards trying to provide best experiences for our children.

### **Advent**

We issued a letter to our Parents/Carers (dated 8<sup>th</sup> November) regarding information for Advent and Christmas celebration in our school. Please find below, and overleaf, a brief reminder of this:

### **Advent Thought for the Day**

We will have daily reflection on the Gospel of the day each day during Advent. Advent Daily Reflection will be posted into your child’s Google Classroom so that they can share their learning and prayer at home.

### **First Wednesday Mass**

We were due to attend First Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in St. Bernadette’s Church. As there is now a funeral on this day, we will not attend Mass. Instead, our Blessing of the Baby Jesus service (see overleaf) will also incorporate our End of Term service.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas Lunch day is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. On this day, pupils and staff are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper to school, for a donation to Mary’s Meals (donations can be made through your child’s Parent Pay account).

### **Nativity Concerts**

Our school nativity concerts will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, with a **prompt** start at 1.30pm. Please note there will be an early lunch on this day for all pupils (12.00pm-1.00pm)

As indicated to you in our letter, we are limited in the number we can have in our hall. Please remember that entry to our Nativity Concert is strictly by ticket only. Tickets will be available for collection until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Thereafter, any remaining tickets will be allocated via a ballot.

## **Advent and Christmas (continued) Mary's Meals – Double the Love**



During December, our school has a particular focus on raising money for Mary's Meals, a charity which provides children with a hot meal and education in some of our world's poorest countries. Once again, for every £1 raised by Mary's Meals, this will be matched by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5 million.

We know that times are very difficult for so many of our families, but, if you can, please do help us to help children around the world how desperately need our help.

At our Christmas Nativity Concert, we will have a short but important presentation from our How Good is OUR School group on the work of Mary's Meals. Donations for Mary's Meals can be made through your child's Parent Pay account at any time during December.

### **Christmas Crafts**

Children have been making Christmas crafts in class for parents/carers to purchase, with all monies raised going to school fund (which pays, for buses for trips, Christmas party food). Items will cost £2 per item, and payment can be made through your child's Parent Pay account. Christmas craft items can be collected from your child's class after our Christmas Nativity concerts.

### **Advent Activities**

We have attached to this newsletter a little calendar of acts of loving kindness from St. Vincent De Paul society. We would encourage children to try to complete an activity daily during Advent to put faith into action.

## **Blessing of the Baby Jesus**

We will have a special service with Father David on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in the upper school playground, and all families and parish members are most welcome to join us.

At the prayer service, we will bless figures of the Baby Jesus which children have brought in from their home cribs, and also bless images/craft items of the Baby Jesus which children have made in class

### **Christmas Party Days**

Christmas Party days will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of December

P1-P3 party day – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

P4-P7 party day – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

On their party day, children can wear party clothes

(school uniform should be worn when it is not a party day)

**Reminder – School closes at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of December.**



### **Help for Families**

We know that times are very difficult for many families, and we want to do everything that we can to try to help.

We have links with a number of partner agencies who can provide help and assistance to families, particularly around Christmas time.

Please, if you are struggling, do contact Mrs Boyd or Mr Welsh at the school, and be assured of our absolute confidentiality and discretion in this.



In each of our previous newsletters this year, we have highlighted the issue of car parking in and around our school environs. Unfortunately, we must, once again, highlight the issue of car parking.

**Despite repeated pleas to park considerately and safely, a persistent number of parents/carer continue to ignore our request.**

**Can we politely, but firmly, insist that you:**

- Do not park on the turning circle area and driveway, as this causes congestion.**
- Avoid parking on or near to the junction of our school drive way and the main road - this causes congestion and also makes it difficult to see oncoming vehicles.**
- When parking in local streets, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block entrances/driveways.**

We will, once again, request the support of our Community Police Officer to help us ensure the safety of pupils, staff and families.

We would very much welcome parent/carer help in ensuring safe parking in our school grounds. If you would be interested in becoming a Car-Parking Steward, we would love to hear from you! Please do call us at the school office.

#### **Have Your Say**

Your views and opinions **ARE** important to us, and we are always looking for your comments or ideas about how we can improve our service to you and your child. Please do use the pro- forma below to share with us how we can improve. We are always very grateful for support for the range of learning experiences we try to offer our pupils – if you can help in any way, please do let us know by completing the pro-forma below.

#### **\*\* Have Your Say –December 2022\*\***

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Suggestions/**