



**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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Dear Parents,

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Our travelling nativity is well underway and I would like to thank those families who have already hosted it for their enthusiasm and responses in the journal – it's great to see many children getting involved.

**Reverse Advent Calendar**

During the season of Advent we shall direct our thoughts in school to those less fortunate than us. We would like to run a 'Reverse' Advent Calendar appeal for families in need. Each week in December we will have a focus for donations. Thank you for the donations of tins that have been sent in this week. The focus for next week is:

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Could you please send a tinned food item into school with your child by Friday. Thank you.

If you are in need, or if you know of a local family in need then please get in touch – in confidence – to Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office.

**Christmas Raffle**

As part of our Christmas celebrations Year 6 will be holding a raffle for two prizes of festive hampers. The hampers will be filled with treats and goodies worthy of a good Christmas celebration. Tickets are £1 a strip and will be on sale after lunch in each classroom. If you would like to purchase tickets then please your child in with their money. As this is being run by Y6 we would ask to pay with cash and not use SCOPAY. The raffle will be drawn by Y6 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Jumper Day).

**Carol singing at Tesco**

Some of our children will be carol singing at Tesco Burscough at 2pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Letters will be going out tonight to those children who have shown an interest. If you would like to lend a hand (and your vocal talents!) please see Mrs Harrison-Scott.

**Christmas gift stall**

This will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, children will select their gifts, wrap them and bring them home on this day.

**Brass Concert**

Class 4 will be holding a concert to celebrate their achievements in playing the Cornet. This will take place at 2:45 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Parents Group**

In the New Year we would like to try and establish a group for parents who would like to meet, support and chat with each other in the Parish Hall once a month, giving you a safe space to meet and talk with others. If this is something that you may be interested in then please pass your details to Mrs Harrison-Scott.

**Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places**

For families who will require a primary place in September 2024 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. Alternatively call 01772 532191  
The closing dates for applications for September 2024 are at 11.59 pm on:-

Primary school applications –15th January 2024

### **Free School meals**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

Please follow the link below

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity 1:30

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity 1:30

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Carol singing at Tesco

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> KS1 and Y3 Breakfast with Santa 8am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Advent service 2:15

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper day for CAFOD and Christmas Movie night

School closes at on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1:15 for the Christmas Holiday and reopens on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith