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Final Advent Newsletter 2022

Final Advent Term Thank you.....

We would like to thank you sincerely for your supportive home-school partnership. St. Patrick's community spirit has continued to shine brightly and your children have been an absolute joy. Their smiles, fun and laughter have made each day so very bright and we thank you all for your support and partnership on their journey and with all our missions and projects. We have enjoyed a most spiritual season of Advent in which we have prayed for others and ourselves. As we approach Jesus' coming, we do so in hope and love. We wish everyone a most holy and peaceful Christmas.

We would also like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone involved in the life of the school and to all those who have supported us in any way, sharing their gifts and talents in such a special way during Advent.

We are very blessed to have a very dedicated governing body led by Mrs Keay and a hardworking PTA who ensure that money is raised to support further developments of St Patrick's.

This year so far, we have also been extremely well supported by our CEO, James McGeachie, Moira Dales the deputy CEO, Deborah Tibble our DPS and all who work in the Trust. Together, they have shared their expertise to bring improvements to all aspects of school life.

My grateful thanks to the teaching and non-teaching staff, whose efforts and commitment to nurturing the gifts and talents of every individual child is admirable. They have been absolutely marvellous in their dedicated roles, showing the utmost devotion to children and families.

Finally, to yourselves, for all your support shown in a so many ways, each and every day - a heartfelt thank you from us all. We are so blessed to have such caring and giving pupils and families who work hand in hand with us. It is always a privilege to be part of the St Patrick's team.



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Foundation Stage and Y1, Y2 and Y3 Nativities.

We are so very proud of the very special ways in which our children have retold the Christmas Story so beautifully. Through song, word and action, the true meaning of Advent and Christmas has been revealed.

Each Junior Class lead the community in Advent assemblies, with homage also paid to God through daily acts of worship, Mass and a Reconciliation service.



Supporting others in need

As a Catholic school, it is our Christian duty to reach out to others, as John's Gospel reminds us: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Thank you to the Howard family in organising and to all who contributed to this year's shoe box appeal. **45** boxes were made which was a fantastic community effort. The shoe boxes were collected and delivered to the Mansfield homeless shelter and they were incredibly appreciative of this very kind gesture.

We are also delighted that the Y6's Poppy appeal raised **£55.56**

PTA Children's Christmas Market, raffle and school calendars

After a huge effort from the children, a massive **£379.88** has been raised for school funds. An incredible achievement!

Thank you also for your contributions with the raffle and school calendars. The monies raised have been used to buy party food and a gift for every child. On behalf of the PTA thank you all so much for all your support and contributions.

Christingle

Thank you to our Y6 and the house teams for leading us in two beautiful Christingle services.

We were reminded of the meaning of the Christingle and how we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. This year has been the first time we have worked in house teams in this way and we look forward to continuing our cross-year group work in the new year.

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Mass times over Christmas



Christmas Eve:

5.00pm- St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
5.00pm- St. Joseph's, Shirebrook
5.00pm- St. Patrick's, Forest Town
8.00pm- St Joseph's, Shirebrook

St Stephan's Day/Boxing Day

10.00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield

Christmas Day:

9.00am - St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
11.00am- St. Patrick's, Forest Town
11.00am- St. Phillip Neri, Mansfield

Family Mass Christmas Eve at St. Philip Neri Church at 5pm will be led by the children of the wider parish - We invite all children to come in their Nativity costumes and if anyone would like a role in the liturgy, please email Mrs Lund via the Y1 email address or the parish email. We look forward to sharing this special Mass with you all.



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After school clubs

Please see below for our after-school club offer for this half term. After school clubs will begin on **9th January**. Please book and pay for these via parent mail.

Extra Curricula Activities - Starting Monday 9 th January until Thursday 8 th February			
Day	Club	Time	Price
Monday - Mansfield Town Football	Mansfield Town Football Y2-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 25 places
Tuesday - Mrs Holdsworth, Miss Hufton	Arts and Crafts	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday - Miss Whelan and Miss Godfrey	Multi-Sports	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday - Mr Kitchinson and Miss Caudwell	Electronic and Board games Y1-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday - Nottingham Diocese	Choir - St. Philip Neri Church (run by the Diocese of Nottingham)	4.30 - 5.45	Free of charge
Thursday - Miss Francis and Miss Caudwell	Dance and Cheerleading Y1- Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places

I very much look forward to welcoming our children back on **4th January**.

In prayer and partnership,
Mrs J Smedley
Head teacher