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School
Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Advent

Advent is here already. We lit our first candle on our Advent wreath last week as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It is so lovely to hear all the songs and carols floating down the corridor as the children rehearse their Christmas performances. Belated wishes to all who hail from the northern lands of Scotland for St Andrew's day on Monday. Year 6 joined parishioners at the daily 9.30 am Mass.

There is an **Advent Celebration** in church tonight 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. to which you are all invited. Our school choir will be performing with the All Saints' choir. Please come along if you can.

Our choir sang to the Leisure club (for retired parishioners) in the community centre on Wednesday afternoon which members really enjoyed. Thank you children for giving up your time for this celebration. My thanks also to Mrs Prime, Mrs Patterson and Mr Starr.

Children in Need

On Friday 20th November the children raised £312 from their Bring and Buy sale for Children in Need and our Water Pump project. Both charities will receive 50% of our total. A fantastic effort from everyone. Thank you for all your cakes and offerings.

Bazaar – non uniform days

Another thank you for your support of non uniform days as you have donated gifts and bottles for our parish Bazaar which is being held in the community centre **TOMORROW** Saturday between 1p.m and 3.30 p.m.

Chess

56 children competed in the largest inter school tournament ever held in Newark last week in our school hall. It was a great sight of concentration as the children competed against each other in the most complicated and complex game ever invented. There were 14 school teams at the event. Our first team came second with a score of 9.5 points the winners had 10.5 points. Our second team came in 9th place. Altogether it was a fabulous event. Congratulations to Zoltan Szikszai, Joshua Briggs, Alexander McGinley, Matthew Stevens, Connor Stenson, Joshua Jackson, Ewan Kennet and Jacob Carrington.

Breakfast club

Is doing really well. As part of their healthy eating and exercise approach the club organised keep fit and games events every morning this week in the school hall. A trained coach worked with the children who really seemed to enjoy what was on offer all week. Thank you and well done breakfast club. The club runs from 7.45 a.m until 8.30 every morning in the foundation unit.

Big Write & Talk Day

I hope you all sent in your ambitious and wow words for your child's word wall this week. The children have spent the week preparing for their Big Write Day & Big Talk Day on Thursday. They have acted, dressed-up talked, discussed, mimed and wrote during their preparations. They have also built their word walls. So they were all ready to write their best ever story on Thursday.

Mrs McMenemy's class had Big Talk Day instead. Each child brought in a shoe box that contained figures and objects that told a fairy story. Each child then

talked about the story using their very special shoe/story box. Brilliant. Well done parents and grandparents who helped with the boxes.

Mrs Gibbons' & Mrs Easton's class are really worried that Santa has lost his elf. We must find him before Christmas Eve. The children have written about Santa's little elf. So please let us know if you spot him on your travels!! The children have put posters around school and I said I would inform you all about the lost elf in my newsletter.

Super Stars

Heather and Kieran Barnes are superstars in the world of rowing. Kieran and Heather are ex Holy Trinity children and it is so lovely to hear news about our older pupils. Mum Jackie, one of our cooks, told me that Heather came second in the National Indoor Rowing Championships recently. Kieran rows for Hull University and has been asked to be club captain next year. Congratulations to both of them. Please do not hesitate to let me know of any news of our ex pupils.

Cookery Club

Equipment worth £94 was 'purchased' from Flora tokens for our cookery club and of course for all the other cooking and baking events throughout the year. Thanks to all who collected the tokens.

Book Fair

Our thanks for your support of our book fair last week. The fair raised £422.24. That meant we were able to spend this amount on books for our class libraries. Fantastic!

Opera Trip

Year 5 had a very good day out and enjoyed their time at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, London last week. This trip was the starting point for year 5's Big Write adventure story.

Museum Trip

Mrs Mayfield took our Foundation 1 children off to the Millgate Museum yesterday to look at Christmas crafts.

Town Hall visit

Mrs McMenemy's class are visiting the Town Hall to learn about Victorian Christmas traditions. They will be making some of these trinkets too.

Football trials

Ted Gibbons has been invited to attend football trials at Nottingham Forest. Well done Ted!

Christmas Dinner

Will be on Monday 14th December. We are sorry, but **ONLY** children who have had a school dinner between the start of term in September and 30th November will be able to have Christmas dinner. We have had this rule for quite a few years as it would be unfair on our kitchen staff to employ extra staff and open it up for the whole school for one day only. They will already have to cook over 150 meals on the day.

Christmas Tree Festival

Mrs Duckmanton & Mrs Hayes took a group of children over to St Mary Magdalene Parish Church today to decorate a Christmas tree to be part of the Christmas Tree Festival. The festival runs from Sunday 5th December until

Sunday 13th December. 20 Out of the 70 trees in the festival are children's trees. There will be a mystery trail for children all week, so do pop down to St Mary Magdalene Church any time before 13 December.

Calendars – our best ever

Friends of Holy Trinity have produced our best ever school calendar. I am very impressed indeed. They cost £5 each and have excellent clear photographs of each class. Sample copies are in each classroom to view or in the school office. Thank you to "Prime Print" and David Welsler (father of Adam & Caitlin) who has produced a real quality product.

FHT – Christmas Disco

Will take place in the school hall on Thursday 17th December. More details to follow soon.

Youth Club Disco

This club is open to our past Holy Trinity children (years 7-10). Their Christmas disco will take place on Friday 11th December 7.30 – 10.30 pm in the community centre with a professional DJ! Tickets are £2 and are available from Annie Walton / Andrea Duckmanton or the school office.

Christmas Present Appeal

The Salvation Army needs your help to make Christmas special for children, families and others who will have little or nothing. Any new, unwrapped toys and gifts will be distributed in Newark in time for Christmas. Please leave Christmas gifts at Superdrug, Stodman Street by Tuesday 15th December or for one day only at the Salvation Army church Albert Street on Saturday 12th December between 9 am – 6 pm.

Barry P Doran
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