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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

During December we journey into Advent as we begin a new church year: "Slow down; Be ready."



Wow, what a festive few weeks! We have had a number of events that have been stunning and the quality of experiences for the children has been second to none! Thank you to <u>all</u> those who organised the Nativities, Father Christmas, the Carol Service, Achievement Awards and the many special memories we have made over the Advent period.

A huge thank you to those that attended our Carol Service on Wednesday evening! Key Stage Two presented this so beautifully and it was a very special occasion to be a part of. There were poignant reflections, supplemented by beautiful singing, signing and the retelling of the Nativity Story. There really was something for everyone. We hope that the evening provided you with a chance to reflect upon the real meaning of the Christmas Story and help you to prepare to welcome Jesus into your heart this Christmas.





As parents, you have chosen to send your child to a Catholic school because **faith** is important. I hope you have found the last month good preparation for Christmas and good reason as to why you chose to send your child to a school with faith. We could not do what we do without the support of the church. On behalf of us all — I wish **Father Des** and the **Parish of Saint John Fisher** a very merry Christmas and every good wish for 2023!

Christmas Dinner

Ho ho ho! Merry Christmas Dinner to you all! What an amazing day we had on Thursday – over 110 Christmas meals were prepared by Mrs Mockford and Mrs Hill. The children enjoyed their food, along with all the staff, who ate with the children in the hall. There were also 2 very special people helping to entertain during the lunch – the children loved seeing Miss Downing and Mrs Scullion all dressed up! A big thank you to our fabulous kitchen staff and lunchtime supervisors for a delicious lunch!

Achievement Awards

Congratulations to all the children that received an Achievement Award this week.

We are very proud of you





Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Tammy Edwards as a Nursery Teaching Assistant. She will be starting with us in the New Year. Welcome to the team!

Today, we say Goodbye to Miss Rowlands as she leaves St Gregory's to take up a new post at Finham Primary School. We wish her the best for the future and thank her for her commitment to the children of St Gregory's over the 3 and a bit years that she has worked here! Go well and go safely Miss Rowlands.

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Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am





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P.E Spring 1

This week all of the details regarding your child's P.E for Spring 1 will be sent out via Arbor. Please read through this information carefully and scan the QR codes to access the P.E Padlet page for your child's year group. PE days for Spring 1 are detailed on the graphic to the right!

Kit Donations

As a school we like to keep a supply of football boots, shin pads and trainers that we can lend out to the children when they need them. If you have any of these items that no longer fit your child and are in good condition we'd greatly appreciate donations. If you have an item you are able to donate please send your child in with the item and ask them to give it to Mrs Scullion or Mr Sweatman. Thank you for your continued support.

Outstanding Debts

We would like to remind parents that there are a number of outstanding debts for such things as dinner money, Care Club and educational visits that must be cleared. If your Arbor balance is in debt, please could we ask that you see to this matter as soon as possible. Thank you.

Reception September 2023

Reminder that applications close on January 15th for places to start Reception on 1st September 2023. Please note, even if your child attends St Gregory's nursery and you wish for them to attend our Reception, you must still fill in an application as a place is not automatically guaranteed. To apply click here! Please also contact the school office if you would like to take a tour- we wholeheartedly recommend you visit so you can see all the school in action and fully experience the Catholic ethos on offer.



Please send your child in wearing their PE kit in on their PE days.

Scan one of the QR codes above to see your child's PE Padlet page. Here you can see photos/videos of their learning, their sporting achievements & their skills/values learning journeys.

Week at a Glance

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Date	Time	Activity
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Sunday 18 th December	9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass at Saint John Fisher
	11:30am	
Happy New Year 2023!		
Monday 2 nd January	N/A	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January	All Day	School Closed — Teacher INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th January		Welcome back to School — Spring Term 2023
Thursday 5 th January	All Day	Rolling Worship: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 6 th January	2.15pm	Whole School Mass — Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday 8 th January	9.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher
	11:30am	

We will be breaking up for Christmas on Friday 16th December 2022. The children will return to school on Wedneday 4th January 2023.

(Tuesday 3rd January 2023 is an INSET Teacher Training Day – school is closed).

On behalf of the Local Governing Body and staff, we wish you and your family a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and prosperous New Year in 2022!

Enjoy all of the festivities and, once again, thank you so much for all your support.



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