



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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Third Sunday of Advent

NEWSLETTER NO 14: Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another wonderful week at school with excellent performances and activities in preparation for Christmas. It does not seem possible that we are so close to the end of term! The children have also been counting down the days using Advent calendars and by lighting the Advent candle every day during our class prayer times. We look forward to some exciting Christmas activities next week. In particular, we are looking forward to our Christmas jumper and dinner day next Wednesday. This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent when we focus on rejoicing and being thankful for the good things in our lives. In school, next week the children will be focusing on this theme as we enter our final preparations for Christmas.

Week in Review

Infant Nativity: We celebrated the second week of Advent with a sensational Nativity from EYFS and Key Stage 1. It was wonderful and a joy to watch their performance of Baa Baa Bethlehem. We do love to see the children enjoying their performance so much as they are full of confidence, talent and enthusiasm! Well done to the children and staff who worked so hard to make this a very memorable celebration. Thank you also to the families who contributed to our lucky programme collection, which will be for our Christmas appeal - The Wisdom Hospice.

Pantomime

A fantastic time was had by all! The children were superbly behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A special thanks to our PTA for supplying interval refreshments to every child.

Post Box

This is always an exciting part of Christmas in school but to ensure the Christmas cards reach their owner, please write the full name and year group on the front of the envelopes. E.g. Tom Jones, Year 3. We have many children with the same first name and it would be very sad if children did not receive their cards. Post will be sorted and delivered to classes by Year 4 children on a daily basis.

Next week

KS2 Advent Junior Carol Concert is due to take place on Monday 13th December (weather permitting) at 2:15 pm. The Carol Concert is due to take place on the school playground. Should the weather be inclement we will send a ParentMail postponing and look to rearrange if possible. This decision will be made as early as possible. Should the event go ahead parents can collect their child at the end of the Carol Concert. We thank you for your understanding and support.

Funeral – Wednesday afternoon

Please can we advise that a funeral will be taking place at 2:30 pm. We advise that the funeral cortege will be processing through Canon Close during this time.





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Catch Up Sessions

Catch up sessions are finished for this term as we approach our busy festive season. These sessions will resume at the start of term 3 in the beginning of January.

Whole School Children's Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15th December 2021. The children and staff are all invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day.

School uniform is not required on this day.

If you have not already pre-ordered a Contract Dining Christmas dinner you are reminded that you will need to provide a packed lunch from home.

School Fund

Thank you to the parents who have made their family contribution of £15.50 We ask that the contribution is made via ParentPay. These are much needed funds which help supplement resources within our school.

Admissions – Primary Schools 2022/2023

The Medway admissions is now open for primary school applications 2022 / 2023. You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. Please be aware that applying to St. William of Perth and other Catholic schools you also need to complete a Catholic supplementary information form. This can be found on our school website on the admissions page. Deadline to apply is 15th January 2022.

<https://www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk/Admissions>

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place

Wednesday morning SEN appointments

Should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any SEN related issues please speak with the office and they will arrange an appointment for a Wednesday morning after 9:30. Alternatively, you may email Mrs Ward directly on sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk . Phone consultations are preferable.

Medway GO – Christmas Holiday Clubs

Medway Council are working with local organisations to offer children fun activity clubs this Christmas. MedwayGo will run between Saturday 18th and Thursday 30th December. Free places in clubs for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Children will get to try out lots of fun activities, from sports and drama to arts and trampolining. A daily tasty and nourishing meal is also included. To find out more about the activity clubs and book your place visit <https://go.medway.gov.uk>

Safeguarding

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.mscc.org.uk/>

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

House Points. Team house winner this week: Blue Team.

Last Day of Term 2 Friday 17th December. Please note that the **school day will end at the earlier time of 1.30pm.**

Yours sincerely,

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DIARY DATES – Subject to Change		
December		
Monday 13 th	KS2 Carol Concert (Playground weather permitting) <i>subject to change</i>	2.15 pm
Wednesday 15 th	School Christmas Dinner Day-to be booked via ParentPay	Book meal by 8.12.21
	Christmas Jumper Day – School Uniform is not required	
Friday 17 th	Last Day of School Term 2 School Day Ends at 1.30pm	Early Collection Time
January 2022		
Tuesday 4 th	First Day of Term 3 – INSET DAY	CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL
Wednesday 5 th	Children return to school	

