

St. Martin's Catholic Primary School

December 2017 Newsletter

Can you believe that it is nearly Christmas already? The final few weeks in school are always hectic but also a great time to get to say hello to everyone. I hope you get a chance to come to at least one of the events below.

Friends of St Martin's Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who contributed so much to our Christmas Fair. Once again the Fair was a great success due to the hard work of all involved as well as to your generosity before the day and in spending your money on the day. I will let you have a final figure that was raised on the day when I have it. Thanks once again to all.



Junior Advent Service

On Wednesday 6th December 10.00am the Juniors will be holding their Advent Service. This is a great chance for you to remember what the real meaning of Christmas is and to help you to prepare during Advent. Please come and join us if you can.

The Infants Nativity - The Gigantic Star

The Infants will be performing 'The Gigantic Star' this year as their Nativity. The shows are on Wednesday 13th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Tickets have been sent out, two per family per performance. It will be strictly ticket only but you can swap the tickets with each other so that you have what you need the most. Please do not put them for sale on eBay! Come along and enjoy the show.



Years 6 and 5 trips to Robinwood



Year 6 are going to Robinwood just after the Christmas holiday, 8th January. Year 5 will be going in March. The trip is a wonderful opportunity and includes a range of outward bound activities and is great fun for all the children - as well as the staff who go with them! We are holding a Parents meeting about the trips this

Thursday 7th December at 6pm. At the meeting we will go through all the details of both trips and you will be able to complete the necessary medical forms. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tiny Steps Christmas Performance

Tiny Steps will be holding their Christmas performance on Monday 18th December 10.00am. This is always a wonderful occasion and we all have so much fun seeing our youngest children perform.



Christmas Dinner



The children will be having their Christmas Dinner on Thursday 14th December. We will be sending out a letter in the next few days about the dinner. All Infants are automatically entitled to a free Christmas Dinner as are Juniors on Free School Meals. Everyone else wishing to have a Christmas Dinner **MUST** ensure that

they have money on their Schoolcomms account.

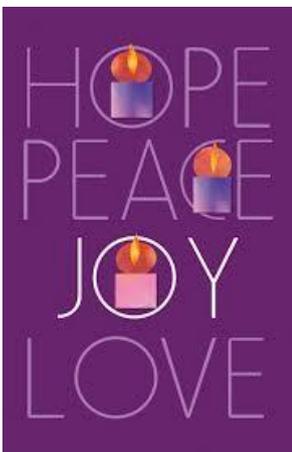
Christmas Activities

You will have all received a letter about the Christmas activities and asking you for a contribution to this. This year we have had a very generous donation from Mgr. Peter Walton, the original Parish Priest of St Martin's, and this has significantly reduced the overall costs so we have been able to keep the contributions to £2 per child, £5 maximum per family. For this the children will get to see our Pantomime Robin Hood and have their Christmas parties.



Advent Mass

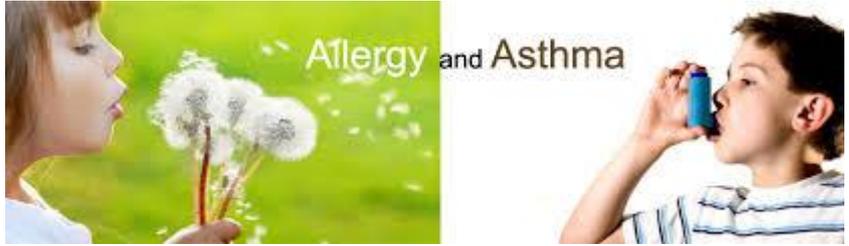
We will be celebrating our Advent Mass on Wednesday 20th December at 9.15am. Please come along and be a part of this very special celebration. It always means a great deal to us all when you can join us for one of our whole school Masses. It may be a good chance for you to sing your favourite carols. It is also a chance for you to pray for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love at this most special time of year.



Asthma and Allergies

All school staff have just taken part in training about Asthma and allergies. These are still very serious

illnesses and need the correct medicines. If your child suffers from either of these conditions please ensure that we know and that your child has a Blue inhaler (asthma) or antihistamines (allergies) in school and that they are still in date. This is for your child's safety. Thank you for your support on this matter.



Family Learning opportunity for Reception and Year 1



After Christmas, starting Thursday 11th January we will be hosting a Family Learning opportunity for Reception and Year 1 parents. This will a fun activity, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available and you will learn how to support your child with their English. If you are interested please see Mrs Carney, Ms

Carter or myself and sign up.

Christmas holiday - early closing

Please note we break up for Christmas on wednesday 20th December early at 2.30pm. Please note that the After School Club will not be available on this afternoon. The children return to school on Monday 8th January at 9.00am. Have a good holiday.



School Choir



This Friday 8th December 11.15- 12.15pm our School Choir will be performing at Runcorn Shopping City. If you are there please come along and give the children your support. They were absolutely fantastic last Saturday when they performed at the Town Hall. Well done everyone, you are all stars!

Guitar performance

On Monday 11th December at 10.20am Alex, our guitar teacher, will be helping our guitar players to put on a performance of their many talents. All parents are welcome to come and see how our guitarists are getting along.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 6 th December	Juniors' Advent Service	10.00am
Monday 11 th December	Guitar performance	10.00am
Wednesday 13 th December	Infants Nativity	2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner	12 noon
Friday 15 th December	NSPCC workshops	All day
Monday 18 th December	Tiny Steps Nativity	10.00am
Wednesday 20 th December	Advent Mass	9.15am
	<u>Early closing Christmas holidays</u>	<u>2.30pm</u>
Monday 8 th January	Children return	9.00am

I have tried to give you as many dates as possible for the rest of the term, some could be subject to change but I will try to keep you as informed as possible.

Many thanks for your continued help and support. Please do not forget that if you have any problems, worries or ideas to contact me.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

May God bless us all,
Yours sincerely,

Mr P D Hallman
Headteacher



If your child's contact details have changed please complete and return the slip below

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

New details:

Phone: _____

Address: _____