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Newsletter

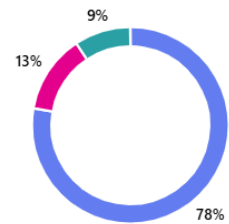
Friday 6th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our survey on the frequency and content of the newsletter. Most of the people who responded were open to the newsletter continuing in its current format. 78% of respondent preferred it to remain as it currently is.

- Remain weekly
- Fortnightly with short updates as required
- Monthly with short updates as required
- Termly with short updates as required



Christmas Lunch

On Friday 13th December Christmas Lunch will be served in the school café. This lunch will soon be available to pre-select on Parent Pay. Please be aware that this won't show individual choices, only that you have selected a Christmas Lunch. Please discuss the menu choices with your child so that they can make their choice. There are 2 menus one Standard and one Halal. It would be very helpful for you to also complete this quick form [here](#) so that the kitchen have an idea of numbers wishing to have Christmas Lunch. **You must also select Christmas Lunch via Parent Pay.** This form is to help the kitchen staff with their orders. Please complete by today, thanks.

Advent

This week we will have prayers in the hall Monday the 9th and Thursday 12th at 8.50am. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Please share this with members of your family who may be dropping your child off

Thank you to Fr Peter who celebrated Mass in the hall with us this morning. It was nice to see parents and grandparents coming to celebrate with us. We will continue to celebrate Mass each Friday over Advent until the Christmas holidays at 8.30am. All are very welcome so please share with everyone.

PTA Christmas Parties

On Monday the P 1-2 and P6-7 had their event and the P3, P4, P5 all had their disco on Tuesday. I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful PTA for their continuing support and dedication towards providing opportunities for the children in our school. We are extremely fortunate to have such a committed group of parents and carers.

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We are also very humbled by the generous donations to the local Foodbank. There was a huge donation to the school for these causes and we are very grateful for that.

Celebrating Success

We had our latest Celebrating Success assembly yesterday where we distributed over 100 awards as children were recognised across a huge range of fields. Thank you in particular to all the parents/carers who completed the Wider Achievement. If you would like to share your child's wider achievement (outside school) please complete this [form](#) before it closes on Wednesday 4th December. Please take a look @stfillanps on X (previously known as Twitter) over the weekend for lots of lovely photos of our award winners.

P1 Nativity and P2-7 Christmas Performances

We mentioned last week how busy our Primary 1 pupils have been rehearsing for the big performances on **Tuesday, 10th December at 9.45am** and **Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm**. They have been putting in a tremendous amount of effort with their costumes and singing in preparation for this. Tickets are now on sale on a **first-come, first-served basis and are available** directly from our school office at £1 per ticket.

Times for the remaining performances from P2, P3, P6 and P7 Christmas performances are noted below. No tickets will be sold for these dates; however, we ask, if you have not already done so, that you complete [this link](#) to indicate if you plan to attend. This will provide valuable information which will help with catering and seating arrangements. Should you wish to make a contribution, a donation bucket will be available at the school entrance.

**** Something different - Our Eco committee have been discussing paper waste and recycling.**

They have come up with a very clever suggestion...

Could you please bring along your own mug when you visit for any of the Christmas performance? We like to provide refreshments, but we use a large amount of disposable cups and agree with the commit that we could aim to reduce this if everyone provides their own cup. Thank you. **

Communicating with us

We use [a Microsoft Office forms system](#) to facilitate communication with the Leadership Team. This system is effective in that all the team can access the forms at any time, including out of the normal school hours, allowing us to address any issues that require a prompt response. If there is a matter that you wish to discuss, please use the link above.

Please appreciate that we will do our best to respond to you as soon as possible. Some messages will require a quicker response than others.

PTA Class Christmas Hampers

Thank you for all your donations. The class hampers are looking fabulous. Pupils have raffle books home with them this weekend. Please return these by Thursday 12th December, to ensure that you are in the draw which will take place on Friday 13th December.

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The Giving Gate



Three years ago our PTA, as well as a number of our Parents and Grandparents, asked if they could support some of our families where children might otherwise go without at Christmas.

In conjunction with our PTA, we set up a 'Christmas Giving Gate' – an initiative that has made a huge difference to a number of our pupils.

How it works:

If you are in a position to do so, please help yourself to a tag/bauble from the Giving Gate. These will be hanging on our school gate from Monday morning.

Each one offers an insight into who is going to receive your gift, and as they're all pupils in our school, you'll be bringing joy to someone local.

Please do not wrap the gift. You may choose to include wrapping paper.

Once you've sorted their gift, pop it in a bag and take it back into the school office with the original tag, by the end of the school day on Friday 13th December.

We'll discreetly deliver the gifts the following week.

If you feel your family could benefit from 'The Giving Gate' please complete this [Form](#).

Many thanks to those have already handed in gifts. Your kindness is truly above and beyond! 😊

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Brian Bourke,
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Please appreciate that dates and times may be subject to change. Additional dates will be added in subsequent newsletters.

Every Friday in December Christmas jumper day (with school uniform) if pupils wish to opt in.

Monday 9th December	1.30pm Nativity Dress rehearsal for the whole school
Tuesday 10th December	P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers
Wednesday 11th December	Afternoon P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers
Thursday 12th December	P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers at 2pm
Friday 13th December	P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers at 2pm
Friday 13th December	8.30am Community Advent Mass in gym with Fr Peter. All invited
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16th December	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall. All invited.
Tuesday 17th December	P2 Christmas Performance at 2.15pm
<u>Wednesday 18th December</u>	<u>P3 and P3/2 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers 2.30pm</u>

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Thursday 19th December	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall. All invited
Friday 20th December	9.30am Advent Service in school for children and staff
Friday 20th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	2.30pm Close for Christmas
Monday 6th January	Return to school
Friday 31st January	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 6th February	P7 Confirmation; 7pm in Christ the King Church.
Monday 17th February	February Holiday
Tuesday 18th February	February Holiday
Wednesday 19th February	February Inservice Day
Friday 28th February	Celebrating Success Assembly
Wednesday 19th March	Parents' Night #1
Thursday 20th March	Parents' Night #2
Friday 28th March	Celebrating Success Assembly
Monday 31st March	Reconciliation for P3 pupils; 7pm Christ the King Parish Church
Friday 4th April	2.30pm Close for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school
Saturday 26th April	10am and 12 noon Masses First Holy Communion for P4

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