

# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL (ACADEMY)

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We made it! The end of term has finally arrived and what a fantastic term it has been.

As always school has been incredibly busy and this week has been no exception. On Monday the Year 2 children performed their production of 'Children Around the World'. They shared with us the traditions of many other countries but always remembering the central focus of celebrating the birth of Jesus. On Tuesday our Reception children shared their Nativity Production "A Miracle in Town". On Wednesday our Year 1 children performed 'Santa's on Strike' and shared important messages with us about being kind and helping others, looking after our pets and taking time to spend time with people who may be lonely, especially at Christmas. At each performance the audience was full of very proud parents, grandparents, friends and relatives. The children were all 'superstars' and did so well to remember so many lines, dance routines and the singing was fabulous! Well done everybody! I am also very proud of each and every one of you. Of course as I said at the end of the productions none of this would happen without the hard work and dedication of all our staff; Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Lunchtime Supervisors, Cleaning Staff, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Pitchford and Mrs. Keay in the office and to all our parent helpers and volunteers. So thank you to each and every one of you. I would also like to thank our parents for all your support. As Father Graham said in Mass this morning "Behind something good there is always a lot of hard work."

Yesterday the children had their Christmas dinner and party day. The hall looked lovely with decorated tables and festive music could still be heard over the excited buzz of children pulling their Christmas crackers and sharing a joke or two. Thank you to the Friends of St. Peter's for providing the crackers for us and to Hannah and the kitchen staff for joining in with the festivities and decorating the serving hatch and adorning themselves with festive accessories.

During the afternoon Miss. Colclough's and Mrs Thompson's office had a magical transformation and a special visitor with a white beard and wearing a red suit spent the afternoon speaking to all the children and giving them a little gift. Once again I would like to thank the Friends for arranging for Father Christmas to visit us all at such a busy time of year and for providing the gifts that the children received.

It was lovely to see so many of you join us for our end of term Mass this morning. The children sang beautifully and their voices would have lifted



## Upcoming Events

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Inset - Curriculum

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Back to school!!

Year 4 Theatre Trip

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Swimming Lessons commence for 4AR

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Young Voices

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

First Holy Communion meeting – 6.30p.m. (School Hall)

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Reception Height and Weight Measures

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

3SB Class Assembly – 9.10a.m.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

3D Class Assembly – 9.10a.m.

## Attendance:

Congratulations to 2P for achieving the highest attendance this week.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES TO DATE Week ending – 18/12/2015	
RSC – 97.6%	RCO – 97%
1T – 97.1%	1WT – 94.8%
2D – 96.7%	2P – 98.8%
3SB – 97%	3D – 93%
4AR – 96.3%	4MR – 95.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL – 96.3%	
Were you in?	



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anyone's spirits. Well done to Joshua N-M, Owen J, Evie M-D, Tamsin N and Lily W for reading so clearly, to Freya F and Harry M-D for taking our offertory gifts and to Lucy B and James B for serving once again. Thank you also to Father Graham for not just saying Mass for us this morning but also for the support and care he gives to us all at St. Peter's.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all the Christmas cards, good wishes and gifts that you have sent into school.

All that is left to say is to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all after a well-deserved Christmas break.

Kind regards. Mrs Clubley.

### Weekly Prayer

Dear God,

When I give someone a gift, help me to give with love in my heart and to do this all the time. Amen.

### More Important News

#### Important Information

If your child is eligible to start school or transfer to middle school in September 2016 please make sure you apply online before the closing date on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

#### School Uniform and P.E. Kit

Please can you check all your child's clothes, shoes and other belongings over the Christmas period to ensure that they are labelled with their name. If labels are not secure, please replace them. If you find any items that do not belong to your child please return them to school after the holidays.

All P.E. kits need to be returned to school for the start of the Spring Term. Year 1 children will need navy blue jogging bottoms and pumps/trainers as they will be doing some of their games lessons outside.

#### Afterschool Clubs

Please note there will be no after school clubs the first week back in the Spring Term.

#### Important Reminder

When leaving a message on the answer machine in the school office regarding an absence of a child, please ensure that you leave a clear reason to why your child is absent from school.



## There are no awards this week.

House Point Winners for the Autumn Term.

The results are:

St. Patrick's	1856
St. George's	1719
St. David's	1701
St. Andrew's	1524

A very well done to St. Patrick's, the winning team.

**We are currently consulting on our 2017/2018 Admissions Policy. It is available to view on our website.**

**The consultation period will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

On behalf of the Academy Representatives I would like to wish all our families a Happy and Holy Christmas. Thank you for all your support this term.

Best wishes

*Bernie Mackie*  
Chair of St. Peter's Academy Committee



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