



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL (ACADEMY)

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 4th January
Back to School

Dear Parents / Carers,

The final day of term has arrived and although the white blanket of snow looked very pretty, it has been lovely to get back to some sort of 'normality,' with our school morning and afternoon routines! I would just like to reiterate how much we appreciated your support and flexibility during the past week with all the snow and ice. A huge thanks once again to the parents and friends who cleared the ice from the pavement along Charford Road to make it safer for our parents and children coming to school.

One of the highlights of the Autumn term is our Christmas productions and this year was no exception! A huge thank you to all the staff in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for putting together the performances. I am delighted that Santa managed to find his hat, that the aliens found out all about the Nativity and managed to get their spaceship working again and Mary and Joseph found somewhere for baby Jesus to be born. The children were all superstars and I am proud of each and every one of them. Thank you also to our families and friends for your support and the kind donations.

We celebrated a lovely Christmas Mass this morning. Well done to Ola E-F, Harry T, Maisie T, Scarlett D-D and Tom L for reading so clearly, Isabella B and Ted W for taking the offertory gifts and James B and Dylan V-E for serving. My thanks also go to Father Graham for celebrating the Mass. Father has sent a Christmas card to all families containing the Mass times at St. Peter's during the festive period.

On behalf of all the staff thank you very much for your cards, presents and kind wishes. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards

Mrs. Clubley

A Christmas Prayer

Oh God Our Heavenly Father,

Look down on us this Christmas as we move round the crowded streets and stores;

That in the glitter and excitement that surrounds us we may remember what Christmas really is.

Help us to carry in our hearts, through all the planning, parties and excitements, the thought of the tiny child in the quiet stable.

From time to time may we withdraw into our hearts from all the bustle, and remember in quietness that silent Holy night and the shepherds kneeling beside the manger.

Amen.

During this festive season let us take some time to think of those less fortunate than ourselves who may not be spending time with their families or loved ones.



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Attendance: Whole Term ending - 18/12/17 - Were you in?

Additional information sent

RWO - 95.9%	RP - 93.6%	WHOLE SCHOOL - 95.5% Congratulations to IC for the highest attendance this week. Expected attendance is 95% and above.
IC- 97.9%	ID - 95.5%	
2R - 96.2%	2P - 97.4 %	
3SO - 96.5%	3T - 95.5%	
4E - 92.9%	4R - 92.6%	

None

ACADEMY COMMITTEE UPDATE

In true '12 days of Christmas' style, here is a brief update on 12 activities of the Academy Committee during 2017:

1. One newly appointed foundation governor- welcome Siobhan Ashel! Siobhan takes up the role of Chair of the Premises and Finance Sub-Committee.
2. Attending Christmas plays; watching and celebrating pupils shining on stage.
3. Preparing for and taking part in the school's successful Ofsted and RE inspections.
4. Undertaking training courses to ensure we are and remain upskilled in our roles and aware of current educational thinking.
5. School visits - 'link' Academy Representatives meeting with the SENDco/leaders/subject coordinators, taking part in learning walks, planning and reviewing workbooks to monitor impact of teaching and learning.
6. Attending Full Academy Committee board and sub-committee meetings, equating to roughly 150 hours of Academy Representatives' time in ensuring the very best outcomes for pupils are achieved.
7. Working directly with Mrs Clubley looking at maximising outcomes for pupils, in particular Pupil Premium and PE and Sport Premium.
8. Supporting Open Days to welcome prospective new parents and children to our school.
9. Reviewing the School Improvement Plan in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team to identify key priorities, monitoring progress against these priorities.
10. Working with all staff to contribute to and approve the school Anti-Bullying Policy during Anti-Bullying Week.
11. Approving school policies, making changes where appropriate, for example girls' uniform.
12. And finally, with the constant pressure on academic achievement, it is easy to forget how much else goes on in school: Christmas Fayres, Masses, plays, workshops, parents' evenings, school trips, Parent Voice, the fundraising activities of our wonderful Friends Association and so much more throughout the year. The work that goes into all this is simply staggering and a real whole-school effort. Academy Representatives have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children perform in their Christmas plays and seeing how the whole school celebrates the Christmas period. I would like to thank Mrs Clubley and all of her very hard-working staff, my fellow academy representatives, parents, and, of course, all of the children for making St Peter's such a wonderful school. May I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! B Mackie (Chair of the Academy Committee)

More Important News

Reception Intake and Year 4 Transfer
If your child is eligible to start school or transfer to middle school in September 2018, please ensure you apply online before the closing date, on Monday 15th January 2018. Many thanks.



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