



7th November 2022

What's On this Autumn

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very busy term ahead of us and these are some of the things we already have planned as we approach Christmas. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school to share in some of these activities with us.

We will remember them...

On Friday 11th November, the children will gather to observe a minute silence. We will be assembling a "Field of Remembrance" on the playground for the day. We invite any families to place a homemade cross with the name of a loved one when they arrive at school on Thursday morning. We have suggested to the children to make these out of lolly sticks and glue a poppy on the middle. In addition, some of our choir will be joining other children in the Trust at Postgate House in Middlesbrough to sing at a special Memorial Service.

Traditionally, we will gather with members of the Thornaby community to remember the fallen and lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. This will take place on Sunday 13th November. Our school usually has a fantastic turn out from families to mark this special event. We ask children and families to meet by 10.15am at the car park near St.Patrick's Church.

Advent- a time to prepare for Christmas

Advent is the time where we prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas and take time out for reflection from what can be a busy and hectic time for most. There will be lots going on for our children in school but we would like to invite parents and carers into school for some time of prayer in our "Stay and Pray" sessions where children lead us

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in prayer and song. These are precious times for you to spend a bit of time in the company of God and with your child.

School Christmas Dinner

We will be having a school Christmas Dinner in school on Wednesday 8th December. If your child currently does not stay for school meals and would like to for that day, please contact the office by this *Friday 11th November* to inform school and pay via parentpay.

Dates for the Diary

Class 2 Stay and Pray	Friday 11 th November 9:05 am-9:30 am- in Classroom
Class 11 and 4 Mass	Friday 11th November- In Church at 10am-everyone welcome
Remembrance Parade	Sunday 13th November 10.15 am meet at the Last Post Car Park near Church with school uniform.
Y4 Carlton Parent's Meeting	Wednesday 16th November 3.0-5 - 3.35pm in the Hall
Children In Need Day	Non-Uniform Day and donations
Class 3 Stay and Pray	Friday 18th November in the Hall
Class 10 and 5 Mass	Friday 18th November- In Church at 10am-everyone welcome
Y5 and 6 Athletics	Tuesday 22nd November-Letters To be issued for participating children
Y5 and 6 Athletics	Wednesday 23rd November- Letters To be issued for participating children
Class 11 Stay and Pray	Friday 25 th November 9:05 am-9:30 am in the Hall
Class 6 and 9 Mass	Friday 25 th November -In Church at 10am-everyone welcome
Christmas Movie Night 1	Tuesday 29 th November 15:15 pm-5:15 pm

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Lord Mayor's Carol Service	Thursday 1st December- Choir letter to be sent out
Class 10 Stay and Pray	Friday 2 nd December 9:05 am-9:30 am in the Hall
Class 8 and 7 Mass	Friday 2nd December-In Church at 10am-everyone welcome
Nursery Nativity Play	Monday 5 th December 10am/2pm
Class 1 Parents- Nativity Play	Tuesday 6 th December 10am-11am
Christmas Movie Night 2	Tuesday 6 th December 3:15pm-5:15pm
Snappy Christmas	Monday 6th December- Choir members- details later
Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day	Wednesday 7 th December
Class 2 Parents- Nativity Play	Wednesday 7 th December 14:00 pm-15:00 pm
Class 3 Parents-Nativity Play	Thursday 8 th December 10am-11am
Class 4 Parents- Nativity Play	Friday 9 th December 10am
Class 5 Parents- Nativity Play	Friday 9th December 2pm
Carols around 5 Lamps	Friday 9th December 6.30-7.30pm- everyone welcome
Class 9 and 10 Advent Retreat	Parents and Carers welcome to join us in Church at 2pm
Carol Concert at CTK Church	Y5 and 6 Choir parents only- -details to follow
Class 11 and 12 Advent Retreat	Wednesday 14th December-Parents and Carers welcome to join us in Church at 2pm
Christmas Mass	Friday 16th December in Church at 10 am- all are welcome
End of Term	Friday 16 th December
Return to School 2023!	School reopens Wednesday 4th January 2023

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Everyday counts!

Over the next two weeks, class teachers will be contacting parents of children where they have a concern around attendance. It is so important that children are in school on time. Vital learning hours are missed when children are regularly late or have any days off school. Your child's class teacher will speak with you if we have a concern and look at ways of supporting you if needed.

Thank you for your continued support for our school community. Thank you to the parents who engaged with the parents questionnaire last half-term. We will issue a separate response in due course but it was obvious to see that parents are proud of St.Patrick's and happy with the educational experience and opportunities that we provide for our children preparing them for their futures.

God Bless,

Mr Conwell

Mr Ryan

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