



14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents

**Whole school Mass** – we will be celebrating a whole school Mass for the end of term on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am. Everybody welcome. We will also be having Mass to celebrate the **Epiphany on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

**Junior Christmas Productions** - Junior children to arrive back at school for the evening performances at 5:15pm. The performance will start at 5:45pm. Admission will be by ticket only. If anyone forgets tickets then we will ask them to wait until everybody else is in the hall and then we can assess capacity. Please do not forget your tickets to avoid any upset.

**Christmas productions –A King is born/ Bethlehem** - if you wish to order a copy of the DVD please send in payment of £6.50 for each DVD along with your child's name and class clearly marked on the envelope. Orders for the production DVD's to be received by 9:00am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December in order that they can be distributed before the Christmas break. Orders received after this time will be available for collection in the New Year.

**School Dinner Money** –school dinner money for next term will be £69.76 (32 days), and alternatively you can pay weekly £10.90. School fund next term will be £7.00 per family for the term payable to St. Peter's Catholic Primary School. Nursery snack fund for the term will be £24.50 payable to St Peter's Catholic Primary School; alternatively you can use the School Money on-line system [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) a text will be sent week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**Parent Election Ballot** – I am pleased to announce that Mark Lowe has been re-elected as Parent Governor for the next 4 years.

**Residential trips** – please would you bring your payments up-to-date. If you wish to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to St. Peter's Catholic Primary School alternatively you can pay using the online payment scheme [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) The next instalments will be due on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for Kingswood £26.00 and 22<sup>nd</sup> January for Robinwood £36.00.

**Admission to school September 2018** – letters have been posted out. If your child is registered at our school and you haven't received a copy of the application process then contact the school office. Closing date for online applications is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.** Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency. More detailed information is available on the school website under the Admissions section.

**Nursery Admissions** – we will be having a January intake offering 15 hours a week morning session only. Places are still available; please enquire at the school office about registering for a place.

**Year 3 First Forgiveness and Holy Communion** – the Sacramental Programme will begin for Year 3 and their parents in January. Please see dates below:

**First meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 6:00pm in school (parents only)**

**Enrolment Mass: Sunday 21st Jan 11:00am – in church (parents and children)**

A list of all dates for the programme will be given out to parents at first meeting. Please note that the parents' meetings are for adults only.

**Swimming Lessons** –Year 4 will swim next term. This starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. The children will need swimming trunks – **not** sports shorts, a swimsuit – **not** a bikini, a towel in a plastic bag or swimming bag. If children have been prescribed an inhaler, they must take their inhaler with them. Copley will not allow children to wear goggles unless it is for medical reasons, which needs to be in writing. Parent volunteers are also required. If you are able to help, please see Miss Holland.

**After School Clubs** – all Clubs will resume week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, permission slips will be sent out week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January. The after school timetable will be sent out week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Tennis after school club – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** - if you would like to join the Tennis after school club which will run from 10<sup>th</sup> January until 28th March please complete the permission slip that will be sent out when we return from the holidays. Places limited to 12 which will be selected randomly.

**Catholic Education** - Please see note from Bishop Mark.

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

With thanks for your help and cooperation in this matter and with every good wish,

#### **Parish and community events**

**Children's Christmas Liturgy** – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am.

**Mary's Meals** - Mr White, A parishioner and a volunteer reader at school is celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday by doing a sponsored walk for Mary's Meals. On the 26<sup>th</sup> January he will walk from St. Peter's Primary School Stalybridge to St. Peter's Primary School in Hazel Grove. If you would like to sponsor him the forms are available either from Church or you can donate on at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising/project/rob-white/robs-st-peters-walk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising/project/rob-white/robs-st-peters-walk) it only costs £13.90 to feed a child for a full year so any donation would be really appreciated.

**Christmas Brass Band Concert** - The Glossop Old Band will be performing an evening of carols and Christmas music in church, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults (including mulled wine and mince pies) and £3 for children. Tickets can be bought from Pat Fleming on 07784135812.

**Circus Starr** - Circus Starr Goes to Hollywood at the George Lawton Hall, Mossley, OL5 0HR Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 performances 4:45pm and 7pm – tickets are free, available from the school office with no limit. Circus Starr is an independent charitable organisation that supports disadvantaged and disabled children across the UK.

**Tameside Soccer Coaching Club** – Astley Sports College Starting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Reception to Year 6. For more information please pick up a flyer from the school office.

#### **Diary Dates**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5:45pm** - Junior production - The afternoon performance will be filmed.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime in school.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner and party day. (**children come to school wearing party clothes – no sports' wear**)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9:15 am** – Whole school mass for end of term, school closes at 2:30pm.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018** – visit from Key Strings music performance

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018** – school will be closed on this day for staff training

**School closes** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at **2:30 pm** and re-opens on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

With love and prayers

Mrs E Summersgill

**Headteacher**