



### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Luke 21 25 – 28 – Be Ready!**

Advent is a time for preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a time to reflect and to pray. During Advent we listen to the words of Isaiah and John the Baptist, who use the words and phrases, Emmanuel, God is with us, prepare the way. Advent has many customs and traditions and we will be sharing the tradition of the Advent wreath with the children.

29<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents

**Class Masses & Assembly** – there will be no class masses or assemblies now until the new year.

We will be having a whole school Mass to celebrate the start of Advent on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9:15am and a whole school Mass for the end of term on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am. Everybody is welcome

**Advent Reconciliation** – Year 4, 5 and 6 will have an opportunity to attend reconciliation with Fr. Philip on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Fair** - thank you to all our families who supported the Christmas Fair; it was a lovely occasion and wonderful to see so many children – past and present.

A pushchair has been left in school after the fair.

**Infants visit to Holy Trinity Church** – Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 have been invited to Holy Trinity Church to watch a fun retelling of the Christmas story with songs, puppets and acting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am.

**Dinner Monies / Nursery Snack Fund** – please would you bring any outstanding payments up-to-date. Alternatively, you can pay for school meals on-line using the link at [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk) and click on the link school meals. ***We will not be able to issue a school dinner to any child where there is a debt of more than £20.00. In such cases parents will be expected to provide their child with a packed lunch.***

**Please would you ensure that all advance payments and arrears are received by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December due to the Christmas holidays, any late payments received will not be processed until January.**

School fund is £7.00 per family for the term payable to St. Peter's Catholic Primary School. Nursery snack fund for the term is £24.50 payable to St Peter's Catholic Primary School; alternatively, you can use the School Money on-line system [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk)

**Christmas Productions** – tickets for infant production will be sent home today and juniors on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Year 5 Residential Trip** – please bring your instalments up-to-date. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk) The next instalment of £40.00 was due 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Admission to school September 2019** – 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. 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.

## Solihull Online Parents - Launch Email/Newsletter

Tameside Council have invested in 3 award winning, quality marked, online courses by the Solihull Approach (a national NHS organisation for parenting approaches).

These courses are for ALL parents-to-be, parents, grandparents or carers of any child from the antenatal period to age 18 years. This course is relevant to parents of all children, including those with special needs, autism, ADHD etc.

We would encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. These courses are normally £19-£39 per person but are **FREE** with the access codes below to all residents of Tameside.

Please take advantage of this fantastic resource while you can. Once you have accessed the courses using this code you will have non-expiring access even after the code expires.

Go to [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) and apply the relevant access code:

- Understanding your child – Access code: **SUNFLOWER**
- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby – Access code: **SUNFLOWER**
- Understanding your baby – Access code: **SUNFLOWER**

You will be asked to create an account so that you can resume the course where you last left off. You will also be asked to verify that you are legitimately entitled to use the access code by entering your postcode. Personal information supplied by you remains private. Your responses to the monitoring questions are anonymised. You will not receive any marketing emails. You will receive congratulatory emails when you complete a module. The Solihull Approach may very occasionally email you to tell you about updates to the course.

For technical queries email [solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk](mailto:solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk) or ring 0121 296 4448, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

**After School Sports Competitions** – thank you to all parents for supporting Sports Competitions it is greatly appreciated, because without your help we would not be able to compete. If your child has been selected would you please return the permission slip even if they cannot attend. If your child has stated that they can compete but then are unable to due to circumstances, please would you contact the office as soon as possible in order that we can make other arrangements. We are grateful for your continued support.

**Christmas Flumpets soft toys, key clips and Stickers in aid of Willow Wood** – we have a supply of Christmas Flumpets soft toys and key clips £2.00 each and stickers for sale £1.00 each. Stocks are limited so it will be first come first serve.

### **Parish and Community events**

**Stalybridge Community Fire Station** – Open day Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 4pm.

**Children's Liturgy for the start of Advent** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11:00 am in the Chapel. Children will take part in the prayers, readings and Offertory procession. Everybody welcome.

**Christmas Time, Mistletoe and Wine Brass Band Concert** - The Glossop Old Band will be performing an evening of carols and Christmas music in church, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults (including mulled wine and mince pies). Please ring 07784135812.

### **Diary Dates**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – infant production 9:20am and 2:30pm – the dress rehearsal will be filmed. Filming by parents is not allowed

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – junior production 2:30pm and 5:45pm – the evening performance will be filmed. Filming by parents is not allowed.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Beauty and the Beast pantomime in school.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch and party day.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Mass for end of term 9:15am.

**3<sup>rd</sup> INSET day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Please note school will close at **2:30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

Kind regards

Mrs E. Summersgill  
Headteacher