



Feast of the Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12. The Epiphany is the oldest tradition of celebrating the birth of Jesus, where traditionally gifts are exchanged. The three wise men came from eastern countries and were of different religions. We are reminded that Jesus came for all nations.

4th January 2018

Dear Parents

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and on behalf of all the staff thank parents and children for their kind gifts and cards. **Infant and Junior Productions** - thank you for your kind donations at the door. Total money collected £498.00. Cheques have been sent off in support of Willow Wood Hospice and Yemen Save the Children appeal.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – thank you to parents and children the total amount raised was £197.78.

Whole school Mass – Friday 5th January to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany at 9:15am in church, parents and grandparents welcome.

Mass and Assembly – a copy of the mass and assembly rota will be sent out as soon as it is finalised. The first class assembly will be **Year Reception on Friday 2nd February** at 2:45pm. The next class assembly will be **Year 2 on Friday 16th February**.

DVD orders - late orders are still being taken for the Christmas DVD. Cost £6.50 each; please send this into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and details of amount enclosed by Monday 8th January.

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 15th January 2018**. Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency. Please ensure that all copies have been sent into school before the 15th January. More detailed information is available on the school website under the Admissions section.

Nursery Admissions – we still have nursery places available. We are currently offering 15 hours a week morning session only. Please enquire at the school office about registering for a place.

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 The next instalments will be due on 19th January 2018 for Kingswood £26.00 and 22nd January for Robinwood £36.00.

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

Swimming Lessons –Year 4 will swim next term. This starts on Monday 8th 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.

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 15th 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.

Inconsiderate parking – once again we have received complaints about parking around school. Please be aware that the yellow zig-zag lines on Hough Hill Rd must not be used for dropping off. These must be kept clear at all times for the safety of all our children.

MAT Foundation Director - The Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking for suitably qualified practising Catholics to sit as voluntary Foundation Directors on the seven Multi Academy Trusts within the Diocese. For more information please see the school website>parents information>weekly newsletter.

After School Clubs – all Clubs will resume week commencing 8th January 2018, permission slips have been sent out today. The after school timetable will be sent out week commencing 8th 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 10th January until 28th March please complete the permission slip that has been sent out today. Places limited to 12 which will be selected randomly.

Parish and community events

Mary's Meals - Mr White, A parishioner and a volunteer reader at school is celebrating his 70th Birthday by doing a sponsored walk for Mary's Meals. On the 26th January he will walk from St. Peter's Primary School Stalybridge to St. Peter's Primary School in Hazel Grove. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Murphy, who was the Headteacher at St Peter's Hazel Grove, will walk some of the way with Mr White.

The children will be making flags to wave him off on his walk and the local press will also be there. We are asking for 50p a flag, which will be donated to Mary's Meals.

In addition parent 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

It only costs £13.90 to feed a child for a full year so any donation would be really appreciated.

Diary Dates

Friday 5th January – Whole school Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany 9:15am in church.

Monday 15th January – visit from Key Strings music performance in school

Monday 15th January – FHC first meeting in school at 6:00pm (parents only)

Sunday 21st January - FHC enrolment mass in church (parents and children)

Monday 29th January – school will be closed on this day for staff training

Thursday 15th February – Y5 & Y6 Trombone performance for parents at 9:15am.

Kind regards

Mrs E Summersgill

Headteacher

