

*Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning.*

*Article 17: Children have the right to access information*

**22 December 2022**

Dear Families

It has been a wonderful end to the term. Thank you to all of the children for their amazing nativity performances and carol service. It has been a long time since we have gathered as a school community together to celebrate during Advent, thank you for joining us in school and in church over the last few weeks. We have appreciated your positive feedback.

As we approach the final few days before Christmas, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff team for all of their hard work and commitment to providing a great educational experience for all of your children.

### **Christmas Lunch**



Thank you to Lea, Toni and Fran for all of their hard work each day in the kitchen. They prepared a lovely Christmas feast that was enjoyed by all of the children and staff.

### **Early Years Wiggly Nativity**

Well done to all of the youngest children in school who performed the Wiggly Nativity. Their singing was amazing and they were all so brave on the stage! Thank you to Miss Micklethwaite, Mrs Bertenshaw, Miss Cranney, Miss Doyle, Miss Salter and Miss Kaur for preparing the children so well.



### **Key Stage 1 Angel Express**

The children in Year 1 and 2 also entertained us with a wonderful performance of Angel Express. It was lovely to watch the children enjoy themselves throughout the performance. They were all superstars! Well done to Mrs Hague, Miss Cowan and Mrs Khanum for their role in preparing the children.



### **Key Stage 2 Journey Through Christmas**

Thank you to Fr Michael for allowing us to host our carols in church this year. The children all sang beautifully and they shared the Nativity message so clearly. We have many talented young people and it was a joy to see them share this with us all. Thank you to the Key Stage 2 team: Miss Thomas, Mr Smart, Miss Greatrex and Mr Gray; they have done a wonderful job preparing the children.

Thank you to Mrs O'Mahony for all of her help with the school choir and singing in school. I am sure you agree that the singing has been amazing in school this term.

### **Advent Prayer**

Thank you to the parents who have joined us for our advent prayer services. They were led by the children in Key Stage 2 and have helped our school community prepare for the coming of Jesus this advent.



### **Santa Visit in school**

We have been very lucky to have a visit this term from Santa Claus and his helper elf. The children were very excited and were all given a small treat.



### **Christmas Party Day**

The children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 enjoyed Mr Merlin's Magic show.



There was lots of dancing and fun had by all classes.



### **Elf on the Shelf**

Nursery class rescued me this week from the Elf on the Shelf. I do not know exactly what happened but I ended up tied to the climbing frame for taking a chocolate from Year 1. The whole school enjoyed the extra playtime so I could be set free.



### **Mini Vinnie Trip to Wordsworth House Residential Care Home**

Our outgoing Mini Vinnie children wanted to help people who were lonely in our community. They visited the residents at Wordsworth House and played games with them and enjoyed spending time chatting to the residents. Everyone enjoyed the visit, thank you Mini Vinnies.

### **Choir Visit to Home Group Housing, Wordsworth Residential Care Home and Partnership House**

The choir have been busy over the last few weeks entertaining us with carols. They have represented our school community and have used their talents to share joy! Thank you so much to Mrs Bertenshaw and Mrs O'Mahony for all of their work with the children.



### **PTA**

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for a brilliant Christmas Fayre last week. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and for all of your generous donations. They have raised an amazing £800. If you can help the PTA in any way they are always looking for people to help, even for one off events. Just get in touch with the school office if you can help.





## Safeguarding

A reminder that the adults in school responsible for safeguarding and child protection are Mrs Nealings, Mrs Binney and Miss Micklethwaite.



Mrs Nealings



Mrs Binney



Miss Micklethwaite

The school governor responsible for safeguarding is Mrs Devine-Wilkinson.

I hope you find the following information regarding online safety for parents useful as Santa may be bringing lots of devices this Christmas.



## Safe Squad

I am recruiting children to join my Safe Squad next term. The children who apply for the job will be interviewed next half term. I am looking forward to working with the children, helping to keep everyone safe.

## Governors

Thank you to all of the school local governing committee. Our governors are volunteers and give up their time to help lead our school. They have carried out school visits, met with subject leaders and spoken to our children to ensure their voices are heard. On behalf of the staff team, I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and support.

## Nursery Stay and Play sessions (8:50am - 9:40am)

You are invited to join us on the following dates to spend time in the Nursery classroom with your child. A letter will be sent out in the new year.

Here are the dates for your diary.

Monday 23 January 2023

Tuesday 31 January 2023

Friday 3 February 2023

We are hosting some workshops for parents. During the session there will be an opportunity to work with your child. All of the materials shared in the session, will be added to the school website if you are unable to attend.

### **Reception Class Writing Workshop (8:50am - 9:45am)**

Tuesday 7 February 2023

### **Reception Class Maths Workshop (8:50am - 9:45am)**

Thursday 9 March 2023

### **Parent Views**

Thank you so much to everyone who shared their views with us. We will share the outcomes of the parent survey in the new year. Please remember if anything specific ever springs to mind, please do not wait for our next survey to get in touch. You can communicate with any of the staff team at any time. We really appreciate constructive feedback, as we try to do the best we can for all your children.

Remember we do have a school twitter account and you can follow all of the wonderful things the children are getting up to in school. Twitter: [@StCharlesPrimNE](#).

### **PE Days for Spring 1 Term**

Reception:	Friday
Year 1:	Thursdays and Fridays
Year 2:	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 3:	Mondays and Fridays
Year 4:	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 5:	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 6:	Wednesday and Thursdays

### **Thank You**

On behalf of the staff team, we hope you all have a happy and holy Christmas with your families. We thank you for your continued support and wish you all the best for the new year. The staff team look forward to working with your children in 2023!



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## Forthcoming Diary Dates

Day	Date	January 2022	Class
Thursday	19.01.23	Vision Screening	Reception
Monday	23.01.23	Commando Joe's Day	Y1
Monday	23.01.23	Parent Stay and Play	Nursery
Tuesday	24.01.23	Commando Joe's Day	Reception
Wednesday	25.01.23	Commando Joe's Day	Nursery
Thursday	26.01.23	Commando Joe's Day	Y2
Monday	30.01.23	Commando Joe's Day	Y6
Tuesday	31.01.23	Commando Joe's Day	Y5
Tuesday	31.01.23	Parent Stay and Play	Nursery
Wednesday	1.02.23	Commando Joe's Day	Y4
Thursday	2.02.23	Commando Joe's Day	Y3
Friday	3.02.23	Parent Stay and Play	Nursery
Tuesday	7.02.23	Writing Workshop for Parents	Reception
Wednesday	8.02.23	Team Challenge Day	Y4
Thursday	9.02.23	Team Challenge Day	Y3