



Newsletter 13
6th December 2019



Dear Parents,

Our thoughts have truly turned to Christmas this week with the start of Advent and the final preparations for our Christmas Production Jesus' Christmas Party. We look forward to welcoming parents, family and friends to our Year 4 and Year 3 performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please note that the Tuesday performance (4pm) is the one to bring any younger children to.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher:

3Anning	Liam Carter	For an improvement in his attitude to learning, especially in English.
3Nightingale	Poppy Griffin	For applying herself consistently since half term and showing the high standard of work she is capable of.
4Jemison	Madeline Murphy	For always putting in the extra effort with her learning and finding resources linked to class learning from home.
4Attenborough	Holly Corr	For being a good student every week – always challenging herself to produce her best work.
5Mandela	Bethel Umobuarie	Bethel's writing has flourished. She continues to challenge herself and use her toolkit effectively.
5Einstein	Evelyn Cook	For her excellent presentation in maths and her perseverance with long multiplication.
6Johnson	Zuzzana Korytowska	For fantastic effort in all subjects but particularly with her grammar this half term.
6Martin Luther King	Preston Monks	For making an excellent effort with the structure, punctuation and formal language in writing.

Headteacher Awards

Zuzzana Korytowska – For improving 16 marks in her arithmetic paper – fantastic learning.

Holly Corr – For expressing her thanks for God sending us the gift of Jesus

Advent Service at Westminster

The School Council and Chaplaincy Team made the journey to Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday for the Advent Service for school, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Jude and Alex, who delivered our Christmas contribution to the Catholic Children's Service, were able to talk to the Cardinal during the service that included a Nativity play with a live animals!



Charitas choir

We are hoping to take a large choir to our traditional Christmas singing concert at Our Lady's on Sunday 15th for the older members of our parishes. We are asking children to sing (including many of the songs from our production) for half an hour and bring some festive cheer. Children would need to arrive at 2pm for a 2.15 start and will be ready to be collected shortly after 2.45pm. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the singing. We realise this is a busy weekend for all but are thankful for all the children who turn out for this lovely event. Please return the consent letters that were sent out in this week's Wednesday email.

Attendance

Very well done to **5Mandela** who have won the attendance award for November with a very impressive 98.42 despite a month where many children have had bugs. **4Jemison** also had an impressive attendance. Both classes can choose a special reward this month. Well done also to **3Nightingale** for topping the attendance chart in October – you too can belatedly choose a special treat for this achievement.

MONTH	3Anning	3Nightingale	4Attenborough	4Jemison	5Mandela	5Einstein	6MLK	6Johnson	WHOLE SCHOOL
SEPT	97.77	98.04	98.17	97.5	98.83	97.02	95.67	97.42	97.54
OCT	97.72	98.02	97.59	96.57	97.59	96.95	96.85	97.31	97.32
NOV	96.7	95.26	97.33	98.17	98.42	95.89	94.42	95.00	96.40

Sports news



The Year 6 Netball team beat Belswains 5-0 in their latest league game. Two goals from Scout Cowman-Daly and three from Darcy Pirie secured the points. Our most valuable player was Lena Lukose for a series of excellent interceptions. Well done to all for bouncing back with a convincing performance after a very tough first fixture.

After school Clubs

Please note:

The Monday afternoon Netball and Football clubs will now end at 4.15pm until further notice due to the fading light.

No Apex club after school this Tuesday – but it will be going ahead the following Tuesday. Please see Wednesday email for end of term club dates

Visit to St Rose's for Years 3 and 4

This Monday Years 3 and 4 will be walking to St Rose's to watch the KS1 Nativity. Thank you to those parents who have offered to walk to St Rose's and back with the children. We would welcome any more helpers if you are able to let us know today (Friday). Please phone the office if you can help. This year we are not taking siblings from Yr5 and Yr6 because they will be watching our performance in the afternoon – and we do not want them to miss out on their learning. They also have the opportunity to watch their siblings later in the week with their parents.

Car Park

Thank you for your patience in the car park and for leaving the disabled spaces for those that need them. I have had a parent ask on health/environment grounds that you do not leave your car idling while you drop your child off/leave your car in the main thoroughfare. The congestion in the area around the school seems to be particularly bad as Christmas approaches so please allow plenty of time in the morning. We continue to open the gates at 8.30 to help ease congestion.

Book Fair

The final total for purchases was £919.85, giving the school £491.91 to buy new books for school. Thank you for your support.

Reminders for Dec 9 - 15

- Mon Years 3&4 walking to St Rose's for their KS1 production (we would welcome volunteers to walk with us)
- Mon Yr5/6 to watch the Year 3 & 4 Jesus' Christmas Party performance in school
- Tues Jesus' Christmas Party performance for St Rose's 10am
Jesus' Christmas Party performance for family and friends 4pm
- Wed 1.15 Flute and Fife concert for parents
6.30 Jesus' Christmas Party performance (No children under 11 please)
- Thurs 6.30 Jesus' Christmas Party performance (No children under 11 please)
- Sun 2pm Caritas Choir meets at Our Lady's for 2.15 performance

Have a lovely weekend,
Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher