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"To go forward together in Christ, respecting our neighbour and striving for excellence"

Christmas is upon us at last and I'm sure, like us, you are all looking forward to celebrating the birth of Christ, taking time to be with family and loved ones and taking a well-earned rest! It has been an action packed term with many exciting things happening in all of our classes. As ever we are immensely proud of all our children, they have worked hard and represented Holy Trinity well in a number of events.

During Advent we have been talking to the children in school about Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. I would therefore like to wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas filled with love and hope for the New Year ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, I would like to say an enormous thank you to all the staff who have organized not only all the Christmas events, but also another fabulous term's worth of learning.

Have a great Christmas everyone!
I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.
God Bless.

CAROL SERVICE

On Monday the hall was filled with an appreciative audience for the annual Carol Service. The school choir participated in a series of carols and class 3 performed their musical piece penguins followed by class 4's Hey Mr Miller. Class 1 and 2 were

fantastic and once again wowed the audience with their confidence. We had two amazing solo pieces; Jeremy playing the flute and John playing his guitar

FILM NIGHTS

The film nights were a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the experience. The children were given crisps and a drink. £212.50 was raised which went towards cost of Christmas gifts and treats.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to our PtFA for preparing and being involved in our Christmas Fair! It was lovely to have our community return to us after a few years of pandemic disruption... It was a huge success and we raised £1002.31.

Thank you to everyone who spent part of their evening with us together at our Christmas Fair; your presence warmed school and our hearts.

PARTY DAY

What's not to love about a festive jumper, musical statues, and a rocking Christmas playlist?

The children certainly had a whale of a time at this year's party. The dancing was spectacular and the games were played in truly wonderful spirit.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Christmas Eve:

5.00pm Christ Church (Children's Mass)
Children are invited to come and be involved in the mass by retelling the

Nativity Story. Arrive at 4:30pm
8.00pm Holy Saviour's
Christmas Day:
9:30am Christ Church
11:15am Holy Saviours

EPIPHANY MASS

On Friday 6th January we will be celebrating the Epiphany.

INFANT NATIVITY

The Infant Nativity performances were fabulous, the children were amazing and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. £184.08 was raised which went towards cost of Christmas gifts and treats.

ECO CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

We are asking families to get involved in our Eco Christmas competition, Families can join in by litter picking around our local area or even further afield on your Christmas adventures and email bursar@holyltrinityrc.lancs.sch.uk with your pictures.

As part of the competition children can also create DIY Bird Feeders and bring these into school on the first week back ready to fill with bird seed for RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch 2023. There will be prizes for a member of each of our Classes in Assembly on the first week back in January.

HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

Please find attached the school holiday dates for 2023/2024.

WATER SAFETY

Water Safety Following the recent tragedy in Solihull, we have also been asked to share the following information about water safety:

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

DIARY DATES

16th December - School Closes.

School reopens on Tuesday 3rd January

SYMPTOMS OF STREP A

Many of you will have seen the national news about the increased number of cases of scarlet fever over the past week. We have had one case within school to date. As with COVID-19 reporting measures, schools are to promptly notify their local Health Protection Team of suspected scarlet fever outbreaks. We will also update families of any such cases so you can also be extra vigilant.



Scarlet fever is caused by a bacteria called Group A streptococci ('strep'). These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible because early treatment with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection;
- make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor;

- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

It will come as no surprise (and we are all well practised since COVID-19), Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By reinforcing/teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.

Please note, children who have had chickenpox recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason, please seek medical assistance immediately.

More information on scarlet fever and Group A strep is available on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>

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