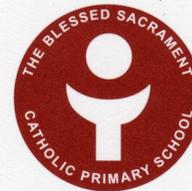




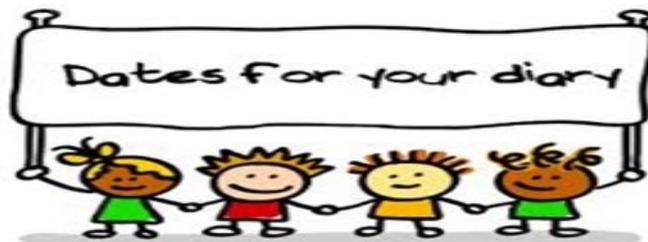
The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

December 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter of 2017. We are now in the church season of Advent and are busy preparing for Christmas. We have lots of Advent and Christmas activities - please look carefully at all the listed dates.



STAFF UPDATES

Mrs Emmott our school Bursar leaves Blessed Sacrament at the end of December. On behalf of all the staff and governors we would like to thank her for all that she has done for the school.

Mr Box (year 4) completes his term with us in December. He has been covering for maternity leave. We wish him well in his new school. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Dyson who will be teaching in Year 4 H in January.

Mrs Thompson (year R) begins her maternity leave on 11th December. Mrs Ashfield will be the new teacher in January.

Mrs Hensby (teaching assistant year 6) is leaving Blessed Sacrament to start a new career. Whilst we are excited for her—she will be missed.

Mrs Sarah Tansey starts in January as your new acting headteacher. She is an experienced headteacher and is very much looking forward to joining this school family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and children for their support over this term. Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful school and I will miss being part of the school family.

Mrs Mia Barlow

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| Tues 5th Dec | Advent Liturgy at St. Maria Goretti Church 6:00 pm |
| Thurs 7th Dec | Advent Liturgy School 10:00 Girls' Football Match |
| Mon 11th Dec | Year 2 Christmas play 2:00 |
| Tues 12th Dec | Year 1 Panto trip Year 2 Christmas Play 5:30 |
| Wed 13th Dec | Reception Christmas Assembly |
| Thurs 14th Dec | Nursery Christmas Assembly Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party |
| Fri 15th Dec | Christmas Jumper Day Year 1 Parents—Stay & Play Christmas Lunch |
| Mon 18th Dec | Reception class party Year 3 & 4 party |
| Tues 19th Dec | Carole Concert Y2 – Y6 10:00 Years 1& 2 Christmas Party |
| Tues 19th Dec | Nursery Parties am & pm |
| Wed 20th Dec | School Christmas Mass 10:00 1:00 School closes |



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all our young people who were confirmed by the Bishop last month. Thank you to Mrs Charnley for organising and leading their preparation.



THANK YOU

Thank you to our parents and children for your recent fundraising support.

We raised £268.50 for Children in Need.

£668 was taken at the Book Fair which means we have £330 to spend on books for school.

Free Maths and English course run by Adult learning.

If any parents are interested please contact the school office.



NATIVITY COMPETITION

During Advent we are holding a 'Make your own Nativity Set' competition. Children are invited to make a Nativity set at home made from whichever materials they would like eg paper, card, clay. Ideally entries should be no larger than a shoe box. Closing date Monday 11th Dec

REMINDER

We have had a very wet November. Some children are still coming to school without water-proof coats. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat to keep them dry.



REMINDER

All medicines must be handed to staff and the appropriate medicine forms completed. This includes throat lozenges and paracetamol.



Get started with...
Maths and English

Would you be interested in **FREE English and/or Maths courses for parents or staff at your school?**

We can offer free courses that will develop parents' English and Maths skills, allowing them to gain accredited qualifications and help them to support their child's development at home. Help your parents get back into learning and be more involved in the school community.

Please contact
Andrea Cowton:
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PACKED LUNCHES

Just a reminder to keep packed lunches healthy. We have seen chocolate bars and sugary juices recently in packed lunch boxes.

FREE PACKED LUNCHES

If any parents of children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, would like our school cook to make up packed lunches for their children on a daily basis—this can be done without any charge. School packed lunches are part of the Free School Meals for Infants scheme



Public Health
England

Measles is circulating

- measles is extremely infectious and can be serious
- anyone over 1 year of age needs to have the MMR vaccine
- ask for the free vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you, or your children, haven't had 2 doses already
- if you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others
- symptoms include: high fever; sore red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms
- go to [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) for more measles information

Symptoms

Rash



Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough

