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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School Newsletter

December 2016



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A Fantastic Term!

Autumn term in school has been wonderful with the children experiencing many different learning opportunities, from science week to retreat, and of course, the annual residential trip to Derwent Hill.

Our special thanks go to the many volunteers and friends of the school who support all aspects of school life and give willingly of their time. We are very grateful to you as the "added extras" would not be possible without your assistance.

We are also thankful for the ongoing support our children are given with their homework and additional activities; children who are well-supported at home benefit greatly.

Thank you for your support with fundraising during Advent. The money raised on Jumper Day was used to pay for party food and gifts. £1200 was raised through the penalty shoot-out and we will use this to purchase a bike shed in the spring. £387.70 was raised for the Youth Ministry Team through the Christmas Fayre. Well done everyone

Advent Celebrations

Thank you for joining us for Mass during Advent and for being wonderful audiences for our nativity plays. It is always incredible to see the way in which our smallest children can proclaim the Good News in such a meaningful and thought-provoking way. Well done to everyone who took

part and especially to the staff who have supported the children. Well done also to KS2 children and staff for a wonderful carol service.

Well done to the children in Year 3 who supported the Penshaw Churches Together Carol Service. We had lots of positive comments about the children's contribution and their impeccable behaviour. Well done children, we are so proud of you!

Visits

Earlier this month the football squad watched the Sunderland AFC first team train and hopefully picked up a few tips. It was particularly good to watch Jordan Pickford; I'm sure the children were inspired by the opportunity to see an ex-pupil achieve great success. (Apologies to Aidan Curran for the nagging he got from his dad for watching the red and whites!)

Superstars

Well done to Summer and Scarlett Shearing, dancing stars of *Sleeping Beauty*, this year's pantomime in Consett. Well done also to the winners of our Christmas card design competition: Jack Alsop, Owen Hill, Tommy McGee, Maddie Burrows, Leo Palfreyman and Olivia Ord.

Gardening Morning

Thank you to the many families who joined us for our big garden clean-up. The hard work paid off and the grounds are looking much better. Special thanks go to Mr and

Mrs Elder, Mr and Mrs Duncan, Mrs Fraser and Isabelle for their willingness to work on a weekend to make our school lovely for all our children. (I had also better mention my own husband and Paddy and Emily or I won't be on Santa's good list!)

Car Park

I have received many complaints again about car parking. The new car park has a one-way system and if you choose to park here please respect this at all times. Please also be mindful of children walking through the car park too as a number of them have been alarmed by the sound of horns and by cars reversing. Access on to the main drive and club car park is at agreed times only; do not drive at the prohibited times.

And Finally....

On behalf of all staff I would like to thank you for your kind gifts and cards. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy holiday and look forward to seeing the children back at school, refreshed and renewed, on Tuesday 10 January.

Dates for Your Diary:

10 January School re-opens
17 February

Schools closes for half term

SAVE THE DATE

25 and 26 May 2017

School 80 Birthday Celebrations

Recommended Reading

EYFS: The Nativity

Fiona Watt, Rachel Wells

KS1: A Christmas Story

Brian Wildsmith

KS2: Refuge

Anne Booth, Sam Usher

Adults: A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens

Weekend Mass Times

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Sunday: 10am

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church

Sunday: 11am

6pm

St Bede's Church

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8.30am

St John Boste Church

Sunday: 9.30am

Christmas MassTimes

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Christmas Day: 10am

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Prayer for Christmas

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,

that we may share in the song of the angels,

the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,

and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.



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and Christmas evening bring us to
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forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus'
sake. Amen.*

-- Robert Louis Stevenson