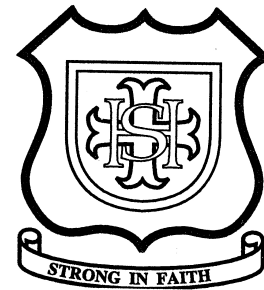


St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Autumn Term

7th November 2022



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

We hope you have had a lovely half-term break. Thank you for all your ongoing donations, and for the items that were donated to school for our Harvest appeal. Many families, and local foodbanks have received items, and our food pantry is full (if anybody needs any support, please speak to Mrs Collins - we will do everything we can to support people).

Fundraising

Despite the cost of living crisis, our families continue to be so supportive. We will continue to fund raise, as people need our support even more than ever, and we just ask that you give what you can; we are grateful for anything you can offer.

Friday 18th November

The Parish will hold their Christmas Fayre on Sunday 27th November from 12 - 2pm. School support the fayre by running a tombola. We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 18th November**, and we ask for a donation for the Parish Christmas Fayre Tombola if at all possible (New items only please eg: Bottles, new toys (with labels), gift sets, chocolates etc).

Friday 25th November

PFA fundraising day - Break the Rules day (see attached poster for details and rules!). Proceeds will go into school funds, which will be used to support Christmas activities which includes providing the children with a little gift!

Parent's Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you last week in school. Thank you for attending, and for your lovely comments and support.

New School Entrance & Library

We have some wonderful news; the Diocese have granted us funding to create a new school entrance and library. This entrance will be situated in front of the school hall, filling the gap between the entrance near the hall and the school kitchen area (the grass and bushes where the peace pole is situated). At present, we are preparing plans to take to the planning department, with the hope that building works will commence at either February half-term or Easter. As we receive more information, we will keep you informed.

School hours

Many of you will be aware that the government have requested that all schools provide a school week of 32.5 hours, from September 2023. We are intending to change our school day from 8:50am to 3:00pm, to 8:45am to 3:15pm, from **September 2023**. If you have any queries, please put them in writing for the Headteacher's attention by 25th November.

Anti-bullying Week 14th - 18th November

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week, where awareness is raised on prevention, what constitutes bullying and how to deal with any issues.

Whilst we cover this throughout our curriculum, we will make it a specific focus during the week within our lessons. (Our Anti-bullying Policy is on our school website)

Diary Dates including Christmas Events:

Sacramental Programme:

Faith Friends & Parents Meeting - Tuesday 8th November at 6pm in Church

Presentation of our children - Mass on Sunday 20th November at 11am in Church.

Parish Christmas Fayre:

Sunday 27th November (after 11am Mass) - 12-2pm

Pantomime visit:

Tuesday 29th November

Panto at Middleton Arena – Yr 1-Yr 6 pupils

Tuesday 6th December

Touring Early Years Panto in school – Nursery and Reception pupils

Shows:

'Scrooge' - UKS2 families:

This show will be performed on the **1st December** - UKS2 (Year 5 & 6) show 1:30pm **OR** 7pm performances. Due to hall restrictions, and to try to keep the environment safe, we are asking that only 2 adults attend one of the performances. (2 tickets per family for one performance). As this is a formal show, we have to pay copyright, purchase some costumes and props, and therefore we are asking for £2 per ticket. A letter will go out next week so **you can order your 2 tickets; tickets will be issued when the order and monies are received.**

EY Nativity

As per last year, the Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Nativity will be one performance, and held on the **13th December at 09:30am**. Again due to hall restrictions, only 2 tickets will be issued for each family.

KS1 Nativity

The KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Nativity will be held on 14th December 1:30pm **OR** 15th December 9:30am (**2 tickets per family for one performance**)

For both of the above nativities, we will be asking for donations, as suggested by previous audiences. Our school ambassadors will have buckets on the door, to raise much needed school funds! They have asked me to give you as much notice as possible, so that you can bring some cash on the day!! (I've trained them well :))

LKS2 (Year 3 & 4) Carol Service

This service will be held on **19th December at 6:30pm in Church**. There are no tickets issued for this service, but we please ask that only LKS2 families attend; the church does not have a large capacity, which is why we have split LKS2 and UKS2 events.

Other events:

Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas Party Afternoon – children will hold their parties in their classrooms; we are hoping Fr Christmas will appear in person again, like last year!

As per last year, on Christmas Party Day the catering team are going to provide a special lunch for those on dinners, and the children on packed lunches can bring in special items as a one-off treat eg: chocolate, cakes, sweets etc.

Wednesday 21st December - School Christmas Mass at Church 10:00am

Christmas Raffle – tickets will go on sale w/c 5th December £1 a strip, and the draw will take place on 19th December, after assembly.

School closes for the Christmas Holidays on **Wednesday 21st December at 1:30pm** and re-opens **Monday 9th January 2023**.

Your support makes our job much easier, and we thank you for this. As always we will do our best for your children, and we look forward to a wonderful Christmas half-term.

Kind Regards

Mrs S J Milligan

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