

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter



1st December 2017

'Love one another as I have loved you'
John 13:34

St Anne

St Anne, of David's house and line, was mother to the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandmother to Jesus Christ. Her name derives from the name Hannah, which means "grace". Like her grandson, St Anne was born in Bethlehem. She married Joachim from Nazareth in Galilee.

According to tradition, Anne and Joachim had been married for 20 years but still had no children. On overhearing people laughing at their childless state, Joachim is said to have gone into the desert to plead with God that they be sent a child. Following a period of fasting and prayer an angel appeared to him and told him that his wife would give birth to a child whom they should call Mary and dedicate to God.

St Anne is the patron Saint of mothers and grandmothers.



Reaching for the Stars

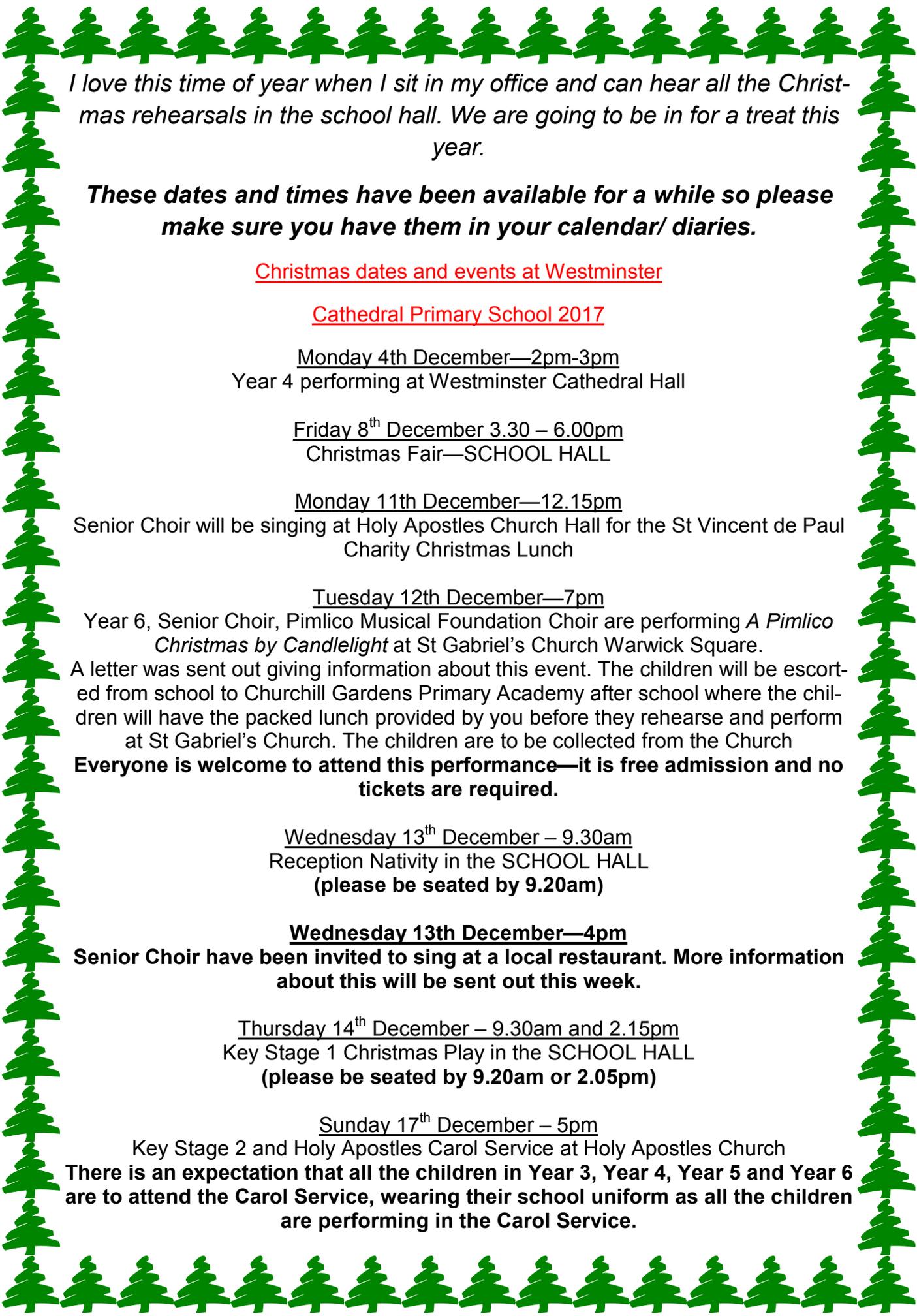
Dear parents and carers,

I hope the children have come home telling you about the displays that have been put up in our school hall. Miss Kelly has worked so hard to produce a fantastic Remembrance display and has now given the wooden cupboards in our school hall a wonderful make over. This, along with celebrating the creative work within our school which is displayed by Miss Smith and reminding our pupils about our school mission statement, British Values and Gospel Values has added so much colour and focus to our hall. A principal lead advisor for the Tri-borough visited our school on Wednesday. She commented on the school hall and the displays in the classrooms along with the work in our pupils' books. She has been part of our journey as a school and agrees that we are all reaching for the stars!

I hope you are able to come and see these displays as you attend Friday's assemblies and next Friday's Christmas Fair. Next Friday 8th December, the celebration assembly will be at 9.15 as in the afternoon we will be setting up for the Christmas Fair. **Mrs Hughes is looking for help next Friday. Please complete the slip and return to school or speak to Mrs Hughes directly.**

School Clubs. Today is the end of the 10 weeks of clubs for this term. I feel we can still complete another week of clubs so all clubs that are led by school; choir/ basketball/ dance/ drama/ musical theatre/ crazy choir/ coding/ football with Mr Beach and orchestra will continue next week except Monday's DANCE club. Miss Hallsworth will not run dance 4/12/17 but will do her last session 11th December and of course there will be NO HOMEWORK CLUB next week due to the Christmas Fair. Please keep note of all texts/ messages sent home regarding the events these coming weeks.

Yours
Mrs Stacey



I love this time of year when I sit in my office and can hear all the Christmas rehearsals in the school hall. We are going to be in for a treat this year.

These dates and times have been available for a while so please make sure you have them in your calendar/ diaries.

[Christmas dates and events at Westminster](#)

[Cathedral Primary School 2017](#)

Monday 4th December—2pm-3pm
Year 4 performing at Westminster Cathedral Hall

Friday 8th December 3.30 – 6.00pm
Christmas Fair—SCHOOL HALL

Monday 11th December—12.15pm
Senior Choir will be singing at Holy Apostles Church Hall for the St Vincent de Paul Charity Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 12th December—7pm
Year 6, Senior Choir, Pimlico Musical Foundation Choir are performing *A Pimlico Christmas by Candlelight* at St Gabriel's Church Warwick Square.
A letter was sent out giving information about this event. The children will be escorted from school to Churchill Gardens Primary Academy after school where the children will have the packed lunch provided by you before they rehearse and perform at St Gabriel's Church. The children are to be collected from the Church
Everyone is welcome to attend this performance—it is free admission and no tickets are required.

Wednesday 13th December – 9.30am
Reception Nativity in the SCHOOL HALL
(please be seated by 9.20am)

Wednesday 13th December—4pm
Senior Choir have been invited to sing at a local restaurant. More information about this will be sent out this week.

Thursday 14th December – 9.30am and 2.15pm
Key Stage 1 Christmas Play in the SCHOOL HALL
(please be seated by 9.20am or 2.05pm)

Sunday 17th December – 5pm
Key Stage 2 and Holy Apostles Carol Service at Holy Apostles Church
There is an expectation that all the children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are to attend the Carol Service, wearing their school uniform as all the children are performing in the Carol Service.

Thank you so much to all who handed in the slip for the Prize Draw that will take place today in Assembly. We will share the news of the winners next week. Thank you also to filling out the slips informing me the best way to communicate with the parents and carers in the school. Again, I will share the findings of this with you next week and share with you my strategy in informing all the about the events in the school.

Meanwhile a lot of letters were sent home this week. Please take time to look through your children's bags, the following letters were sent home this week;

- Year 6 and Senior Choir—about performing 'A Pimlico Christmas in Candlelight'.
- Reception—about rehearsing the children's parts for their Christmas Nativity
- Year 4—about performing at the Westminster Cathedral Hall
- Chess Team—about the London Chess Classic competition
- Reception to Year 4—Flu Vaccination.

Flu Vaccination

After much consideration and hearing the reports on the news, I have decided to allow the NHS team to offer the flu vaccination to pupils within our school. This decision has also been made as it has come to my attention that GPs are not offering the flu vaccination to school aged pupils who should be receiving it at school.

Last week a letter was sent home informing you about the vaccination. A copy of this letter is also on our school website where you can also read the newsletter.

Dear Parent/Guardian, **Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due to be given at their school: Westminster Cathedral RC Primary School on: Monday 18th December, 9.30am – 12.30.**

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

Please complete the enclosed consent form (one for each child) and return to the school at least 3 working days prior to the date of your school flu vaccination session to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is enclosed and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation. If you have any queries please contact the immunisation team on 0203317 5074 or 0203317 5076. Yours sincerely, Immunisation Team If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0203317 5074 or 0203317 5076. **If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form giving the reason.** This will help us plan and improve the service. For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu



Key Dates for Autumn 2017

Congratulations to

Year R: Elycia Lawal and Carolina

Year 1: Leo Kennedy Cornejo and Marta Pontes

Year 2: Tommy Nortje and Delina Robel

Year 3: Whole class

Year 4: Elmer Cesma and Dylan Gething

Year 5: Thomas Methven and Lara Pascoal

Year 6: Fionn Murphy and Riley Sparks

4th December 2017—10am Prospective parents visit to the school

4th December 2017—Year 5 singing at Westminster Cathedral

5th December 2017—Launch of our Advent appeal for The Passage

5th December 2017—Reception and KS1 Advent Service at school

5th December 2017— 5pm Prospective parents visit to the school

6th December 2017—The Chess Team taking part in the CSC London Chess Classic—Olympia,

8th December 2017—Year 6: Not Forgotten Project. Meet Michael Foreman

8th December 2017—3.30-6.00 Christmas Fair in school

11th December 2017—NO CLUBS THIS WEEK apart from dance today

11th December 2017—Senior Choir to sing for the SVP Christmas Lunch at Holy Apostles.

12th December 2017—2pm Prospective parents visit to the school

12th December 2017—7pm-8pm Year 6, Senior Choir and PMF choir performing at St Gabriel's Church

13th December 2017 – 9.30am Reception Nativity

13th December 2017—4pm Senior Choir singing at a local restaurant

14th December 2017 – 9.30am and 2.15pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Play

15th December 2017 -Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas School Dinner

17th December 2017– 5pm Key Stage 2 and Holy Apostles Carol Service at Holy Apostles Church

18th December 2017—NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

18th December 2017—Flu Immunisation

20th December 2017—1.30pm End of Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2018—New term begins

Attendance

Congratulations to...

Year 3 - for the highest percentage of attendance for 16/01/17 to 20/11/17—**99.7%**

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R—	90.5%
Year 1—	87.6%
Year 2—	95.2%
Year 3—	99.7%
Year 4—	98.7%
Year 5—	88.3%
Year 6—	88.3%

Thinkuknow online safety survey

E-Safety update

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parentscarers4-7s>

Our school uses the Thinkuknow education programme to help your child learn about staying safe online. Please complete this survey to have your say about what you would like to see in their next resource for 4 to 7 year olds.