

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter



8th December 2017

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

The Christmas Nativity

Elijah Lawal in year 3 has kindly donated this year's Christmas Crib for us all to share in school.

It is a very special Christmas Crib. The crib comes from Italy and has been in the family for over 20 years.



The Christmas Crib is a tradition that is almost a thousand years old.

In the year 1223 St Francis of Assisi decided to celebrate the feast of Christmas in a new way. His aim was to help people to better call to mind the poor surroundings in which Jesus. In the town of Greccio a nativity scene was set up with a stable, animals and straw. People came at night from the town with candles and torches to attend holy Mass by the crib.

Today the Nativity is part of the tradition of Christmas to remind us of God's love for us in sending his only son to be born in the poverty of a manger.

Chess Champions

Dear parents and carers,

On Wednesday 30 pupils from year 3 to year 6 went to Olympia to compete in the Chess in Schools and Communities tournament as part of the London Chess Classic. Over 12 schools took part and nearly 500 children were there. The children did very well—we won a number of medals in each category.

Year 3

Santiago Pereiro—GOLD

Alfie Magueire—SILVER

Macy Sparks—BRONZE

Year 4

Edward Stacey—GOLD

Dylan Gething—BRONZE

Sebastian Lopez-Castano—BRONZE

Year 5

Jaibin Balighot—SILVER

Steffan Martinez-Singh—BRONZE

Julian Penne-Stuart—BRONZE

Willard Cruz—BRONZE

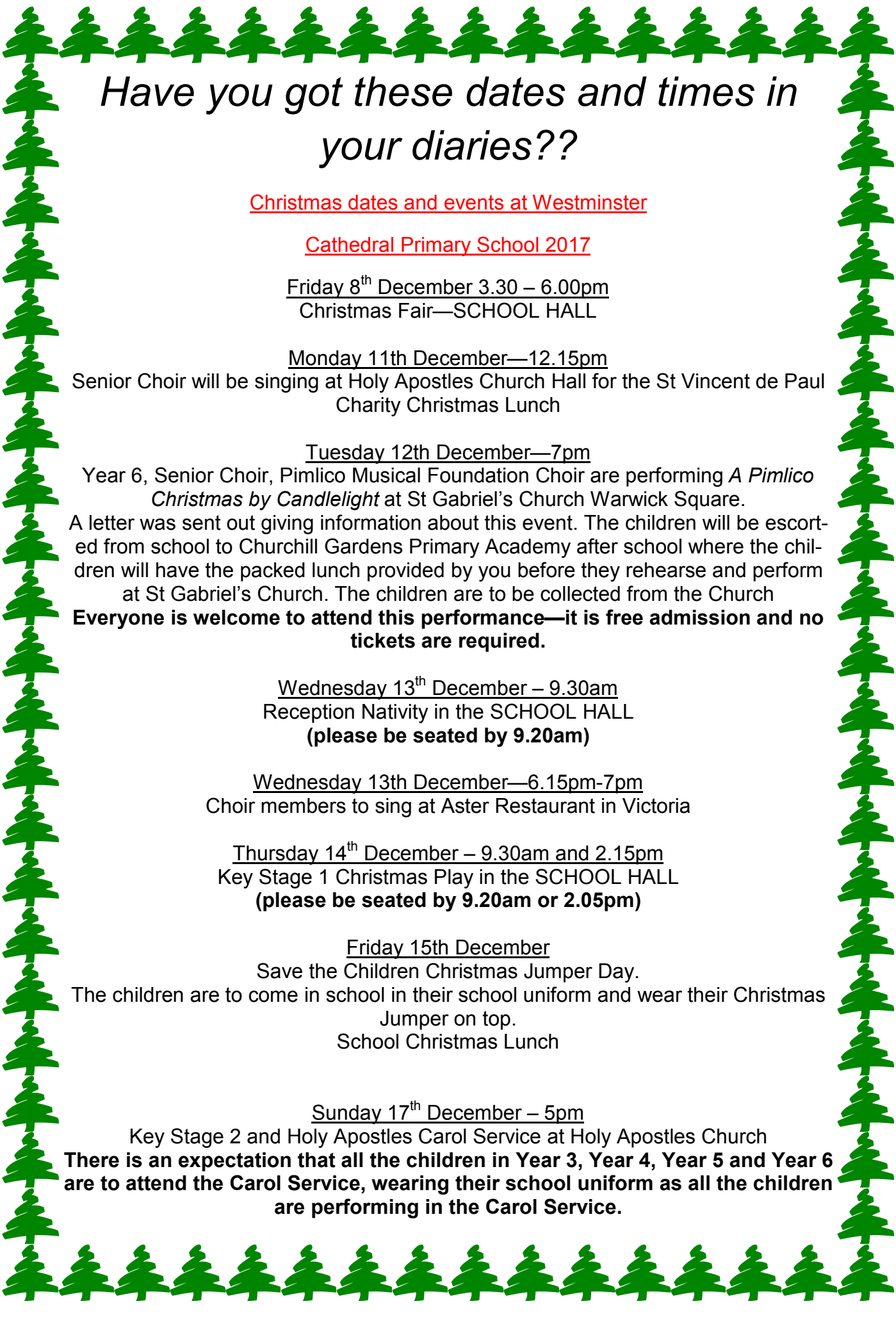
Year 6

Jean Paul Lopez-Castano—GOLD.

As a Chess team we did so well overall. We came **FIRST** out of all the schools winning a trophy and the title of CSC London Chess Classic 2017.

Congratulations to the whole team: Edward Chahin, Christopher Barnett-Wlash, Thomas Garcia Arenales. Akua Oppong Franek Wielogorski, Hunter Rayment, Samira Chard, Thomas Cogan. Liam Jurenas, Thomas Abdelmalak, Santiago Perira, Daniel Nugent, Thomas Methven, Simao Coelho, Mia Gallardo, Logan Platts, Fionn Murphy, Yukana Correia, Yeva Aleksyeyenko.

As I said in assembly this morning, this achievement is an achievement for the whole school and across Key Stage 2. The commitment the children have in learning and playing Chess in school has shown in this win! Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Stacey.



*Have you got these dates and times in
your diaries??*

Christmas dates and events at Westminster

Cathedral Primary School 2017

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 escort-
ed from school to Churchill Gardens Primary Academy after school where the chil-
dren 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—6.15pm-7pm
Choir members to sing at Aster Restaurant in Victoria

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)

Friday 15th December
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.
The children are to come in school in their school uniform and wear their Christmas
Jumper on top.
School Christmas Lunch

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.**

Letters that were sent out this week:

- Senior Choir/ PMF choir/ Crazy Choir in Year 3—singing next Wednesday evening
- Musical Theatre and dance club—additional rehearsal next Monday.
- Year 5—Cartoon Museum trip
- Year 6—reviewing test papers

Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards arrived and they are going home in your child's school bag **TO-DAY**. Please look in your child's bag for them.

We will announce the winners of the Christmas Card competition next Friday in assembly.

Nasal Flu Vaccination—please remember to bring to school the completed forms as soon as possible.

Parish Links

On Tuesday, Father Michael came to school to lead an Advent Service for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It was a very reflective service as we talked about preparing ourselves for Christmas and the coming of Christ. Father Michael spoke about the signs of Advent and kindly blessed our Advent wreath.

Father Michael would like to encourage us all to attend a Reconciliation Service this year in Church. There will be a Service of Reconciliation at Holy Apostles Monday 11th December in the evening.



Pupil Voice

Fundraising for The Passage



On Tuesday we heard about the work of The Passage. We watched a video and learnt about how the charity help those who are homeless. Mrs Brierley met with the school council who thought of ways we will raise money as part of our Advent appeal. There will be a collection after each Christmas Performance next week and the children will have a non-uniform day Tuesday 19th December.

Year 1 and Year 2's trip to London Zoo

"Last Friday we went to London Zoo. Some of the animals we saw included a giraffe eating carrots. We even saw a hunting dog, it jumped on a log and it leapt. We saw some elves and Santa who gave us some presents."

Senay, Year 2.



Year 6 meeting Michael Foreman

"Today year 6 went to the Westminster Archives Centre. There we met Michael Foreman (author, illustrator). We learnt all about WWII and WW1. We learnt about specific soldiers. At the end he even made us a picture and he signed our books—Alipasha and War Game." Fionn Murphy.

Congratulations to;

Samira Chaud, Carolina Fonesca and Zhaylan-Blue Fontaine-Edmunds who won the PRIZE DRAW last week.

E-Safety update

Do you know what your child is viewing and downloading from the internet.? Please read this article.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-42232082/child-exploitation-warning-against-live-streaming-sites>



Congratulations to

Year R: Joseph McVitie and Lujain Radhi

Year 1: Tyler Kempley-Grant and Peter Bukasa-Muteba

Year 2: Nicholas D'Souza-Ross and Fatima Shabaan

Year 3: Cayetano Rodriguez-Guan and Santiago Pereira

Year 4: Bobby Barnes and Daisy Gibbs

Year 5: Melanie Medina Caicedo and Jyael Middleton

Year 6: Ornella Bukasa-Muteba and Dylan O'Shea Zoppola

Key Dates for Autumn 2017

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—Year 5 visiting the Cartoon Museum

13th December 2017—4pm Senior Choir and Crazy Choir (Yr 3) 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

19th December 2017—Non-Uniform day. Money raised will go to The Passage

20th December 2017—1.30pm End of Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2018—New term begins

Attendance

Congratulations to...

Year 2 - for the highest percentage of attendance for 27/11/17 to 01/12/17—**98.4%**

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R— 79.5%

Year 1— 96.2%

Year 2— **98.4%**

Year 3— 91.7%

Year 4— **97.7%**

Year 5— 93.4%

Year 6— 93.1%