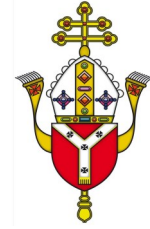


Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Monday 2nd December 2019

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

Advent

Yesterday marked the 1st December and the first Sunday of Advent.

Today in assembly we talked through the advent wreath and shared the meaning of each candle. I will be sharing this with you each week.



Week 1

The candle of Hope: We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God (Romans 15: 12-13)

Dear parents and friends,



Time of preparation.

Tuesday afternoon Father Pat led our reconciliation service. He talked to us about advent being a time for preparation. He asked us to consider what we would do if we are told that

a member of the Royal Family would come to our home, pupils gave feedback that they would be excited. Father Pat then asked what would the adults in the home do and Father Pat said they would want to tidy and clean the house. Father Pat used this to help us understand that going to confession before advent is a way for us to clean our souls in preparation and anticipation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



This year we are supporting Caritas and their Advent Giving Calendar. You will see around school we have posters which explains what it is all about.

Advent Giving Calendar

Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, for many people facing food poverty, Christmas can be a difficult time. Currently, 8.4 million people in the U.K. regularly do not get enough to eat. The Caritas Food Collective are a new project working to tackle food poverty in the Diocese of Westminster. This year, we have created an 'Advent Giving Calendar' to help use this season as a time when we think of those who might be struggling, and do our bit to help them in the run up to Christmas.

How to use the Advent Giving Calendar

Find a food bank or other local project to donate to. Make sure to check if there is a deadline for Christmas donations.

Each day in Advent, find the star on the calendar which will tell you what you need to buy that day to add to your collection. Then colour the stars in as you go!

Take your box to the collection point of your chosen project – you might want to take it early to make sure it is there in time to help families this Christmas!

How to find your local food project

Your Catholic church or school can advise you of local projects they are involved with which distribute food to people who are struggling. They might already be collecting for one!

Contact us at the Caritas Food Collective and we can help you find a local project. Our contact details can be found below.

Have a look at our map of projects around the Diocese of Westminster by visiting www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/social-action-map.php

The Trussell Trust run food banks throughout the UK and you can visit their website to find one near to you www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank

Public service professionals such as social workers, job centre staff, and NHS staff can often provide information on food banks and other services for people struggling at this time of year.

“A better world can be built as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity.” Pope Francis, 2017

To find out more about the Caritas Food Collective and get involved, or if you would like to find out about food support in your area, contact us at:

cfc@rcdow.org.uk

www.caritasfoodcollective.org.uk

020 7931 6077

Respect



Today, during lunch time, some pupils were invited to join Miss Simmons to have their lunch. These pupils received a special certificate last Friday in assembly as they are demonstrating on going

respect. A child is nominated each week by their class teacher and a certificate is awarded to praise them for showing and following the respect petal on our mission statement. Well done.

Microbit workshop

Last week, in the newsletter, I reported on the pupils' Microbit workshop. Mr Connor very kindly extended the pupils' learning by running lunch time workshops last week and on Friday, in assembly, some of the pupils showed and their work. It was amazing to see the variety of things the pupils were able to do with a small piece of equipment and their coding skills. Well done everyone! Thank you Mr Connor for using your time allowing the pupils to continue and extend their learning.



Christmas Fair Cancelled.

It is with great regret we have had to cancel the Christmas Fair. This is due to the restriction of time and adults to help organise the fair. I am very sorry this has happened.

I am pleased to report that we have had three successful pyjama days and film nights and all the money raised is going to the WCPS Friends.

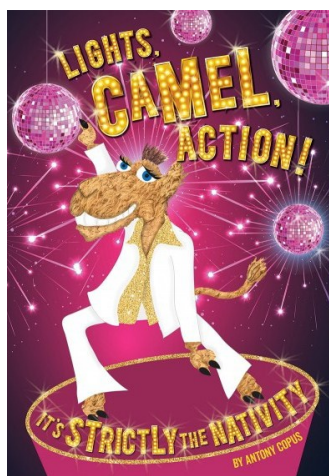
A school disco is planned for 17th January. Please put the date in your diaries and please help if possible.

Later on this week or early next week raffle tickets will be on sale for the Christmas Hampers. Please look out for them and be ready to buy. AMAZING hampers are ready to be won!!!

(Any more donations for the hamper will be greatly received.)

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 15th December 5pm at Holy Apostles Parish Church. We are successfully rehearsing the Carol Service, please support your children by learning the carols, their lines and to commit to being part of the Carol Service. Thank you.



Tuesday 17th December 2019

Year 1 and 2 present 'Lights Camel and Action'



Reception: Selwa and Adam
Year 1: Whole Class
Year 2: Amamaria and Frank
Year 3: Maycee and Thomas
Year 4: Kyle and Sami O
Year 5: Ollie and Isaac
Year 6: Whole Class

Attendance

Congratulations to...

Year R for the highest percentage of attendance for week beginning 18th November 2019

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R: **98.2%**

Year 1: 95.8%

Year 2: 93.7%

Year 3: 88.7%

Year 4: **96.8%**

Year 5: **96%**

Year 6: **96.7%**

Key Dates for Autumn 2019

December 2019

Tuesday 3rd December: Pupils performing at St Gabriel's Church in association with the Pimlico Musical Foundation.

Wednesday 4th December: London Chess Classic competition

Wednesday 4th December: Year 6 meeting Michael Foreman at the Westminster Archives

Wednesday 4th December: Year 5 attending Westminster Cathedral for the Catholic Children Society Advent Carol Service.

Thursday 5th December: Choir rehearsing for WCC Christmas concert (Oxford Street)

Friday 6th December: Outbreak Christmas Trail at St. James's Church

Tuesday 10th December all day Westminster Council Carol concert at Oxford Street

Thursday 12th December: The General Election. The school will be used for a polling station and therefore is closed to pupils.

Friday 13th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch. Please remember to wear a Christmas jumper and donated £2.

Sunday 15th December at 5.00pm: Carol Service at Holy Apostles.

Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play

Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am: Reception Nativity

Thursday 19th December at 9.05am: Celebration assembly

Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm: End of the term.