

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

01st December 2023

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Master represents Jesus and the servants represent us. The message from the Gospel is very clear: we are to **'stay awake!'**

It is an easy Gospel to bring to life for the children: **When we introduce the Gospel, I am the Master and the servants are the children!** They need to be doing the right thing because they do not know when I am going to turn in class or outside 😊

There is no better place to prepare and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas than a Catholic Primary School, the school is filled with the singing of hymns and the re-telling of the Nativity. I hope you are looking forward to sharing the true meaning of Christmas with the children as much as we are.



Eileen Parnell



This week we heard the sad news that Mrs Eileen Parnell had passed away. Eileen in her 'unofficial role' of support staff shop steward welcomed me to Sacred Heart as a new head. She wasn't the least bit scary though and was a great support throughout those early months. She devoted over 40 years' service to Sacred Heart as a Teaching Assistant and Senior Midday meals supervisor. We send our sincere condolences to her daughter Debbie and all her family and friends.

Thank you

As a school we constantly encourage the children to be kind and to undertake acts of kindness.

I would like to thank those members of the school community and the Salesian community who gave up their Saturday morning to help complete the garden and prepare it for the 'opening' and for the children to enjoy it in Spring. I am very grateful for your support.



Apple Activation

This evening a group of Y5 children will travel to the Battersea Power Station as 'guests of honour' of Apple. They are going to watch the unveiling of a piece of digital art and it should prove a fascinating experience. The children have been using the iPads and programme called Sketchy School and this should really help them see those skills come to life.



The Catholic Life of the School

The Wednesday word is **Prayer**

“Dear young people, Christ asks you to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter.” Pope Francis

Perhaps in this Advent season you could try to bring your children to the Friday morning Family Prayer Group. Deacon Michael leads us all in a morning reflection that helps end the week on a positive and reverent way. It would be a very good way to **‘pause and reflect’**.

Key Dates

6th December	Music Concert 2pm in the School Hall
9th December	School Christmas Fair
13th December	KS2 Advent Service in Church 4.30 for all KS2 Pupils and Parents
14th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm
15th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
18th December	Nursery Singalong 11am and 2.45pm
19th December	Reception Singalong 2.45pm
19th December	Hilary House Nativity
20th December	Class Parties
21st December	Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm (no afternoon Nursery)
8th January 2024	New Term Starts
15th January	Inset Day (School Closed) Catholic Schools shared Inset Day