



The Communicator

Friday 14th December 2018

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Best attending class last week was Year 6 with 97.7%

• High school 2019 - Applications now closed

- Reception class 2019 - Applications are now open and close on 15th January 2019
- Nursery class 2019 - Applications open on 3rd December 2018 and close on 31st January 2019



Health and Safety

Now that the cold weather is fast approaching we would like to remind you to always walk on the designated main paths around school when snowy/icy and to read the gritting policy on our website :- [About us/Key Information/Policies/Gritting policy](#)

Carol concert

On Wednesday 19th December, all children from all classes will be taking part in our Carol Concert IN CHURCH. The children will walk from school across to Church with school staff, take part in the Carol Concert and walk back to school for home time as usual. Families are very welcome to join us in Church for the Carol Concert which begins at 1.45pm. Please note that children will walk back to school with staff and be collected from school even if their parent is at Church



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Collecting children after school

We would like to remind parents to collect their children on time after school

Sitting outside the office is for one-off emergencies only and children being repeatedly collected late will be taken to the After club where a minimum charge of £5 will be payable

Please see dates on the back of this newsletter

Star of the Week



Nursery - Billie-Mae Nixon
 Reception - Roseanne Maughan
 Year 1 - All of Year 1
 Year 2 - Lydia-Mae Bates
 Year 3 - Lewis Steele
 Year 4 - Yasmyne Robinson
 Year 5 - Faith Kendrick
 Year 6 - Sarib Butt

Citizenship award

(for showing attitude and actions of being an excellent citizen of St Joseph's)

Year 2 - Blake Brotherton
 Year 3 - Arub Rehan
 Year 4 - T-Jay Barrow Minshull
 Year 5 - Lailie-Grace Selvey
 Year 6 - Codie Sowerbutts

Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

Year 2 - Mason Esposito
 Year 3 - George Goldspink
 Year 4 - Poppy Hiller
 Year 5 - Summer Bailey
 Year 6 - Nicole Pilupczuk

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Mass Times

Kidsgrove (6.30pm) Saturday
Goldenhill (11.00am) Sunday
Packmoor (6.30pm) Sunday

Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 17th December** - Artist workshops for Y3 and Y4 **before and after** school.

All Y3 and Y4 children are welcome to attend – even if they have not been before.

- **Tuesday 18th December** – No Swimming (Y4)

- **Tuesday 18th December** - Christmas Eve at St Joseph's

Children may come to school in their pyjamas for a special day of activities to help them to be ready for Christmas Day

- **Wednesday 19th December** - Christmas Day at St Joseph's.

We hope to have a special visitor to school overnight and will celebrate Christmas Day in our classes. Christmas dinner will be served (details to follow) and our Carol Concert will be held in St Joseph's Church at 1.45pm. All are very welcome

- **Thursday 20th December** - Whole school end of term Mass in Church at 9.30am.

Please do join us to celebrate Mass if you are able to do so

- **Thursday 20th December** - Choir and Minni Vinnies group to visit the Old Vicarage Nursing Home

- **Friday 21st December** - Toy Day.

*Children may bring a toy from home to play with. No electronic devices including mobile phones. Please remember that, while we will do our very best to take care of any toys which children bring, they do so at their own risk. I suggest that children do not bring expensive/ treasured toys.. **School closes at 3.15pm***

- **Monday 7th January** - School re-opens to staff and pupils

A reminder that on Wednesday 19th December Christmas dinner will be served at dinner time. It is the usual £2.50 (or £2 for Nursery children) and if your child already gets Free School Meals, then there will be no extra charge.



Thank you to all those who supported our nativities this week. The children really were a credit to themselves, their families and the school and they reminded us of the meaning of Christmas beautifully.

A special thank you to the PTA and all their volunteers who helped both at the nativities and at the discos last night. These events take a huge amount of organising and I am very grateful to all who helped.



During the second week of Advent, we lit the candle of peace on our Advent wreaths. The children have learned that, to be at peace, we must put things right with God and those around us by saying sorry. We have prayed together the Act of Contrition.