



St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

It was lovely to see so many of you at our KS2 Advent Service at St Catherine's Church on Tuesday. The children and Revd. Hugh told us all about the meaning behind the advent crown and the significance of each of the candles that are lit over the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas. They all sung the carols that they have been learning beautifully.

Our choir have been busy out and about singing this week. They took part in a service at St Catherine's last Friday, and sang to the residents at Ward House nursing home on Tuesday. They will be singing again with the residents at Bluebells nursing home on Monday.

Please check in your child's bag today for slips for our e-safety breakfast that is taking place next Thursday morning at 8.30am. Mr Clark and PSCO Downing will be sharing advice for parents on keeping your children safe online.

Current clubs will finish next Friday 15th December. There will also be a new club letter coming home today for children to choose which clubs they would like to take part in after Christmas. All clubs, except for Tae Kwon Do, will be refreshed, so you will need to re-apply if you would like to take part.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Perkins

Christmas Tree Festivals

We have a beautiful tree at the St Catherine's Christmas Tree festival in the church. This year our theme was the carol "Little Donkey" and the tree has been thoughtfully decorated with donkeys that are named after the donkeys at the IW Donkey Sanctuary. We also have a tree at the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival that is running in Brighstone until this Sunday. The children from the Lolly Stick Craft club have made the decorations in aid of Compassion in World Farming.



Christmas Performances

Don't forget Reception & KS1 will be performing Prickly Hay for parents on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December at 1.30pm.



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Christmas Post Box



The Christmas post box will be set up in school from Monday 4th December for children to post their Christmas cards to friends and teachers. Please remember that if you are using the post box, cards must be addressed correctly including forename AND surname of the recipient as well as their class. We have several children in school with the same name and whilst our post-elves are clever, they do need help to identify everyone. Many thanks.



Year 3/4 Football Match

The year 3/4 football club took part in a friendly match against St Blasius. This was a great opportunity for them to use the skills they have been learning with Mr Marshall at club each week.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your contributions to the Poppy Appeal this year. As a school, we raised an amazing £169.79 to support the Royal British Legion.

Outstanding Bills

Please ensure that all outstanding accounts (dinners/breakfast/Twilight/clubs etc) are cleared by Friday 15th December. Any debts rolled over until the new year will result in services being suspended until payment is cleared.

Uniform Reminder

Winter is well and truly underway in Ventnor. Please remember that full winter uniform should be worn at all times. We have a variety of unusual adaptations to our uniform being worn to school currently and this needs to be addressed. Our uniform is grey skirt/trousers/pinafore. School sweatshirts/cardigans are navy blue and preferably with the school logo. Children wearing other hoodies/sweatshirts will be asked to remove them unless it is a PE lesson. Jojo bows and other hair adornments are not permitted in school and again, children will be asked to remove them. Please also ensure that your child has a winter coat in school every day.

Inclement Weather Procedure

If we experience any weather conditions that mean school is unable to open - or in extreme cases if we were to have to close early - we will notify our families via the school text message system and via the IWight.com website and IW Radio with as much notice as we can give.

Tae Kwon-Do Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who take part in Tae Kwon-Do club at school and had their gradings last weekend. Emma, Jenson, Riley & Marley have earned their yellow stripes, Andre has now got his yellow belt, Kruse has his green stripe and Passion has now reached her black belt.

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