



# Newsletter

December 2019

## Do we ask for too much money?

Thank you to everyone who attended our Governors and Parents Meeting. The Governors will be considering your views in detail at the next Full Governors Meeting. However, one thing that was very clear, was that we needed to think more carefully about events or activities which incur a cost for parents. This includes trips, music lessons, charitable activities and PTA fundraising events. In future, we will aim to give parents maximum notification of any cost incurring activities. We will also be considering which of these activities and events are essential and ways in which we can avoid or reduce charges. We will shortly be sending out a survey to parents which will seek your views on this matter.

Mr J Wilkinson

## Nursery and Reception Places

We have places available in our Nursery and Reception classes for September 2020. Please let your friends and neighbours know. Also note, applicants do not *have* to be Catholic, but must be supportive of our Catholic ethos to 'Grow in Love'.

## Foodshare in Old Colwyn

Every Monday, between 1pm and 2.30pm, Sure Hope Church in Old Colwyn runs a 'Foodshare Scheme'. This is a fantastic initiative, which has been in operation since May. It is open to everyone. For £1.50 you can collect £5 worth of food, for £2.50 you get £10 worth and for £3.50 you choose £15 worth. As well as supporting those families who need to make savings on their weekly food shopping, the scheme helps to protect the environment by reducing food waste from the local stores and supermarkets.

## Christmas Fair

Please remember to come along to the Annual Christmas fair, **THIS SATURDAY** from 11am. There will be delicious food, stalls run by each class, fun and games and, of course, the chance to visit Santa's Grotto. Visitors last year said that it was the **BEST** Christmas Fair that they had ever attended. Don't miss out this year. See you all on Saturday.



## Nurturing Schools Programme

As part of our ongoing commitment to attaining 'Nurturing School' status, we are trialling some new software called 'Mightifier'. We are one of the first schools in Wales to explore this resource, which is popular across Scandinavia and the United States. One of the main benefits is, that it teaches pupils to recognise their own, and others, personality strengths. It also provides valuable, instant feedback, for teachers, on how safe and happy each child feels in class, which is one of the six principles of nurture. Finally, it provides an analysis of peer relationships and a wide range of strategies and activities to support child development.

## Dates for Diary

- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Advent Mass (9.30am)
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fair (11am)
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner Day
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Years 5/6 Cycle Training (Day 2)
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr 1/2 Concert Dress Rehearsal (1.30pm)
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr1/2 Concert (6pm)
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Service in Church (6pm)
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTA School Disco (6pm)
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole School Mass (9.30am)
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Own Clothes (no money needed)
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Close for Christmas Holidays
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Staff Training Day
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Open after Christmas Holidays
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Close for Half Term
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Open after half Term