

NEWSLETTER

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The newsletter is distributed every Friday. It contains information that parents need to know about events, activities, fundraising etc. Please read your newsletter



Next Week school bus stop needed on:
Monday 4 December 2017

Cross Country Competition leaving
8.45am

Friday 8 December 2017

Yr 5 swimming returning approx. 3pm

FUNDRAISING WEEK



Our fundraising week ended on Saturday with our table top sale and car wash. Nobody could have predicted the wonderful turn out there was for this event. The school buzzed with activity as people took part in games, tombola, bought raffle tickets and visited stalls. They were even treated to a fantastic welcome from David Waterton-Anderson, Pipe Major.



A huge thank you to everyone who participated in any way in our fundraising week. Donations of prizes, selling of tickets, enthusiasm and success. The Rafton family have also asked us to pass on their thanks to you all.

The total as of today stands at £4306.27. A cheque for this amount will be passed to the appeal fund. If you still have any outstanding sponsor money please do still send it in and a second cheque can be written next week.

RAILWAY MUSEUM TRIP



On Tuesday this week, as part of their Planes, Trains and Automobiles topic, Y3 & Y4 visited the National Railway Museum. What a fabulous day it turned out to be! The children were thrilled to see many of the trains they had been learning about, such as Stephenson's Rocket, The Bullet, The Mallard and The Flying Scotsman. They had the opportunity to attend a workshop about speed and found out that the fastest train runs on magnets and can travel speeds of up to 268mph, WOW! They had a great day and learnt a lot.

DIARY DATES

We have a busy few weeks ahead. At this time of year events follow each other in quick succession. Please keep an eye on the list of dates on the newsletters to avoid missing out.

DON'T FORGET!

Christmas dinner will be served next Wednesday. If you have not ordered a lunch please provide a packed lunch for your child. Children will be reminded on Monday.



ALADDIN PANTOMIME

This year, rather than visit the theatre as we did last year, we have been able to bring the pantomime to us. It is a few years since we have had a visiting theatre company but it used to be a regular feature of the St Mary's calendar. This year we will be able to fund the experience through school funds so there will be no charge to the pupils. So on Thursday afternoon the stage will be set for M & M productions performance of Aladdin.

Christmas

DIARY DATES

6 DEC 2017	Christmas Lunch
9 DEC 2017	Brayton Christmas Lights Switch On
10 DEC 2017	Gifts Mass at St Mary's Church, Selby @ 9.30am
13 DEC 2017	Infant Christmas Production @ 2pm (Reception Families)
14 DEC 2017	Infant Christmas Production @ 2pm (Yrs 1&2 Families)
18 DEC 2017	Grandparents Christmas Party @ 2pm

GRANDPARENTS PARTY

Information regarding the Grandparents Christmas Party will be on next week's newsletter. Thank you.

GOLDEN SPOON AWARD

This week's golden spoon winners are

India H (KS1)
Irah (KS2)

HEART RESEARCH UK

On Monday the whole school was treated to workshops funded by Heart Research UK. These workshops were to spread important messages about health and well being. The children were very involved and learned some fascinating new facts. Perhaps they shared a few with you.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We have been asked to spread the news that there will be a Christingle service for the Children's Society at St Mary's church, Carlton on Sunday 10 December at 4pm. All are welcome.



TRAVELLING CRIB

Next week the children will be bringing home the school crib. This is a lovely way of getting together as a family to think about the wonderful news of Jesus' birth and the Christmas story. The children really enjoy being able to take the crib home. Please remember to return the crib to school the next day so that it can be passed on to the next family, thank you.



ADVENT LITURGY

Today Father Wilson joined us in school to bless the Advent wreaths the children had made. As always, this was a very special liturgy that gave us all the perfect start to the season of advent.

GIFT MASS

Next Sunday, 10 December, at 9.30am in St Mary's church, our pupils will lead the annual gifts Mass. For those new to the school, this is a Mass where pupils are asked to bring a gift for a child who is not as fortunate as themselves. Catholic Care have asked for gifts not to be wrapped this year. The gifts are placed on the altar to be later distributed across the diocese by Catholic Care. This Mass has taken place annually for over 20 years. It is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to show their love at Christmas by thinking of those who perhaps will not have as much at Christmas. It would be fantastic to see as many families as possible at that Mass. Let's make it the best one yet!



MAGIC MATHS

We are pleased to let you know that Magical Maths are coming to our school! They will be running both KS1 and KS2 clubs throughout the course of the year.

The clubs are specially designed to get your child more engaged with the subject of mathematics! And to have LOTS OF FUN!

They will be coming into school to deliver an assembly on Wednesday 6 December 2017.

More information will be sent home next week.

