



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
LIVE, LOVE, LEARN. TOGETHER WE WILL SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Holy Spirit Weekly

8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been really busy spreading HOPE in so many ways over the past week during the first week of Advent. It truly has been a wonderful first week of Advent in Holy Spirit! Our amazing Holy Spirit choir sang so beautifully at the switching on of the Parr Christmas tree lights on Tuesday. It was such a wonderful community event and it was fantastic to see so many of our children and their families supporting the event. Well done to Isabella in Year 5 who helped switch on the

lights with Councillors Kate Groucott, Bisi Osundeko and Andy Bowden. Thank you to St Phillips Church for the lovely refreshments provided after the switching on of the lights.



On Monday EYFS welcomed parents to their Teddy does Christmas event. The children are getting really excited about Christmas now. Thank you to Mrs Prior and Miss Ashton for organising this event in EYFS.



Year 4 enjoyed a Christmas themed Reading Learn and Share on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Sharrock. The children enjoyed listening to a Christmas story wearing their Christmas glasses. They then shared with their families Reading Plus and Reading for pleasure in Year 4.



On Wednesday Year 4, 5 and 6 had a special Advent mass in St Vincent de Paul Church with Father Jean Paul. Our head boy Jan and head girl Mila lit the first candle on the Advent wreath, the candle of HOPE. Father Jean Paul reminded us all to continue to spread HOPE in all that we do and make our world a brighter place this Christmas as we get ready to welcome Jesus on Christmas day. On Thursday Year 2 welcomed Rev Joe Magill and his Parr ministry team who made Christingles with the children reminding them that Jesus is our light shining bright this Christmas bringing Hope to all of our world.



Please make sure you check what is happening each day over the next week as we have a fun-filled Christmas week with our Santa dash, Christmas dinner, Christmas fayre and Christmas cinema. It will be a really lovely week for all of our children. Tickets are on sale for £1 for our Christmas hampers and name the teddy. Please support us by buying some tickets—these can be bought from the school office.

We have our family mass on Sunday at 9:30am in St Vincent de Paul Church where we will light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of PEACE—I look forward to seeing you there if you can join us. There will be refreshments and some cake after mass.

Kindest regards,

Miss Walsh
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality

Has your child been an attendance and punctuality **HERO** this week?



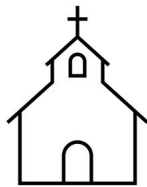
Here Everyday Ready On Time!

Unfortunately due to the amount of holidays in term time we have had so far this year, as well as children being unwell we are not meeting our whole school attendance

Reception	80.6%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	91.1%
Whole school attendance this week	91%

Family Mass

St Vincent de Paul Church
Sunday 10th December
at 9.30am. All Welcome



EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Tickets are now available for the EYFS and KS1 Nativities. Please call into the office to collect. No charge for tickets.

Christmas Hampers To Be Won

Our 100 square raffle launched this week. Please pop in and purchase a number on one of the squares for your chance to win one of these amazing prizes. We have 2 raffles running, one for the children and one for the adults. Children can bring £1 to school to take part in the raffle at break and lunchtime all next week. The raffle will be drawn when all numbers on the 100 grid have been sold.



Compiled by
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CHRISTMAS IN PARR

Breakfast Club & Xmas Disco, St Philip's Church - Sat 2nd 12-2:30
Parr Christmas Tree Lights Switch on, St Philip's Church - Tues 5th 4-6pm
Rotary Club Santa Sleigh - Derbyshire Hill - Sun 10th
Coffee Morning, St Peter's Church - Weds 13th 10-12

Carol Services – Sunday 17th
 3pm at Salvation Army
 4pm at St Philip's Church (with Parr Brass Band)
 6:30pm at St Peter's Church (with Parr Brass Band)

Carol Concert at Parr Library with Holy Spirit Choir - Mon 18th 11am
St Philip's Hub Christmas Special - Weds 20th 12pm
Carols by Candlelight, Salvation Army - Sun 24th 5pm

Plus don't forget **Kezzie's Community Cooking/Torus Warm Hub** every Wednesday 10-12 at Derbyshire Hill Family Centre

Diary Dates

10.12.23	Family Mass St Vincent de Paul Church 9.30am	All welcome
11.12.23	Santa Dash – PE Kits and Christmas Jumper—£1 per child	Whole School
12.12.23	Christmas Dinner & Jumper day	Whole School
13.12.23	Christmas Fayre – afternoon – Parents and Carers from 3pm	Whole School
14.12.23	School Choir to Madison Court 10.30am	School Choir
15.12.23	Festive Cinema – Pyjama day in school - £1 per child	Whole School
18.12.23	EYFS Christmas Nativity 9.15am	EYFS
18.12.23	School Choir to Parr Library	School Choir
19.12.23	Breakfast with Santa – EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Year 3	EYFS, Y1, Y2 & Y3
20.12.23	KS1 Christmas Nativity – Year 1 and Year 2 9.15am	Year 1 & 2
21.12.23	School Closes at 1pm—Children can come to school in own clothes	Whole School

Monday 11th December—Santa Dash

Monday 11th December. Children to come to school in their PE with a Christmas Jumper. £1 to enter. All children will receive a santa hat and selection box.

Tuesday 12th December Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December. Children to come to school in their uniform wearing a Christmas Jumper. We have a few donated jumpers in small sizes. Call into the office to



Wednesday 13th December

Our annual Christmas Enterprise Fayre. Children may bring up to £5 to spend at the Fayre. Parents and carers can come in and browse the stalls after 3pm .

Friday 15th December

Festive Cinema Day. Pyjamas or own clothes. The children will enjoy a festive film and treats in our specially themed hall. £1 donation for School fund please.

PE in Holy Spirit—w/c 12.12.23

Monday R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5 Y6

PE only on Monday next week—no other day needed for PE kits next week!