

We learn and pray, in faith and love



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Pantomimes

KS1 and 2 children all had a wonderful time at the Stockport Plaza Pantomime today. As always, they were excellent ambassadors for our school.



EYFS also enjoyed their Pantomime in school today. Oh yes they did!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day/ PJ Day £1 donation to Ronald McDonald House
Wednesday 20 th December	Break up at 1.30pm

Friday 5 th January	INSET DAY - school closed for pupils
Monday 8 th January	School reopens

Christmas Dinner/PJ day

Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday 19th December.**

If your child is already having school dinners, you do not need to book a Christmas dinner.

We will also be raising money for Ronald McDonald house on this day, so please remember to send your children in their Festive PJs with a £1 donation to help support this wonderful charity this Christmas.

Late Pick Ups

From January, the after-school club will no longer be run by school and instead will be run by Kickstart. This means that school will no longer have the facility to place those children who have been picked up late from school in the afterschool club. Therefore, a policy has been approved by Governors which will apply to all children who are picked up late. This involves financial penalties. Please find attached the policy for your information.

WONDE Payments

For those eligible parents, Wonde vouchers were released on 15th December. Please note that any issues with the vouchers need to be addressed with Wonde directly.

Collective Worship for families - update

Please find below, the link to this week's Collective Worship newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Right of the Week

Article 15 Setting up or joining groups

Every child has the right to be with friends and join or set up clubs, unless this breaks the rights of others.

The Fire Service visit to Reception

As part of their PSHE curriculum, the Fire Service came to school to talk to the children about the importance of fire safety. I think some of the children have now decided they would like to be fire fighters!



St. Kentigern's School Choir

Our choir were delighted to accept the invitation from Irish Community Care and sing at their Christmas event. They were also privileged to join Fr. Michael and parishioners from St. Kentigern's at their Christmas gathering.

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Reception Nativity

Our EYFS children delighted us all with their outstanding Nativity play. They are exceptional children who wowed us all with their singing and acting. Thank you to all their families who supported with helping the children learn their words and thank you also to our amazing EYFS team. Performances of such a high standard only happen when a dedicated team of staff work as hard as they do. So many of you recognised this on the day and all your very kind and thoughtful comments have been passed on to the team.



Nursery Sing Along

Nursery are Christmas Song Super Stars! Who would have thought that children of such a young age would be able to learn so many words and sing so beautifully! Again, thank you to all our families who supported the children and to our fabulous Nursery team who work so hard to create this Christmas magic.



Caritas Award

This week, the Caritas award was given to Mr Hamer. As you know, Mr Hamer is our site manager. He also has a huge heart and regularly helps out those who require his assistance. The children and staff greatly appreciate all that he does for us all. He is the personification of the Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Family and Community and Dignity of Workers.

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Craft Fair

What a wonderful time was had at our Christmas Craft Fair - St. Kentigern's had its very own Christmas Market!



A Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I hope everyone is well and looking after each other and possibly getting a little excited as Christmas is so close. We are now entering the final days of Advent, so let us make the most of this very special season. We will hear so many great carols in the next few days: Silent Night; In the bleak midwinter; Away in a manger. Each Christmas carol tells our faith story and reminds us of how we are a part of this message! "Peace on earth, goodwill for all. A prayer across the world and not just for one day but a prayer for all time. The school has arranged so many events, assemblies, outings and concerts to

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celebrate this Christmas. We are so blessed to have such a brilliant and loving school staff, so let us say thank you by the way we, too, keep this Holy time, in our hearts and homes. Have a wonderful weekend.

With continued best wishes,

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Headteacher