



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

Part of the Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



21st November, 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Sunday 27th November 2022 marks the first day of Advent and for us in school it is the start of preparations for Christmas. Below you will find all the information you need about different things we do at Christmas time and how they will be a little bit different this year.

Prepare for Advent day – Non-uniform! Friday 25th November 2022

We will be hosting our annual prepare for advent day on Friday. We ask that the children come in non-uniform and that they bring a chocolate donation (e.g. selection box or bar of chocolate) instead of the customary money donation. The children will spend their day getting ready for Advent, e.g. making their advent promises, learning Christmas carols, decorating their classroom etc. It is a really fun day!



Coppers for CAFOD – from Monday 28th November 2022

Don't forget to donate your coppers for CAFOD. Last year we managed to buy all sorts of things for families living in poverty to support themselves e.g. buying queen bees so they could make honey or chickens for eggs. We also bought things to help them get water and mosquito nets to keep them safe at night. I wonder what we will buy this year!

CAFOD
Just one world



The children can bring in their coppers (or larger denominations if you would prefer) at any point between Monday 28th November and Friday 9th December. As the common phrase goes, every little counts! Coppers may not hold much value on their own but once combined they can really change someone's life through this scheme.

Parents are invited to the Nativities:

Year 3, 4 and 5: A joint Christmas carol service	Thursday 1 December, 09:30 @ St. Paulinus Church
EYFS: Come to the Manger	Tuesday 6 December, 09:30
1T & 2B: Born in a Barn	Wednesday 7 December, 09:30
1B & 2R: Born in a Barn	Thursday 8 December, 09:30
Year 6: Bethlehem, the musical	Tuesday 13 December, 14:00



You can also buy a laminated photo of your individual child and their class in their costumes/outfits for £1 and the cost of the DVDs will be £ 3.00 each or two for £ 5.00. A letter will be sent home soon for parents to send back if they would like to buy either of these items.

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Chocolate raffle, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day! Thursday 15th December 2022

Yes, I am sure you are all excited to hear the chocolate raffle, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day is coming up. The special Christmas day will be on Thursday 15th December 2022.

Raffle tickets can be bought from the class teacher - £1 for a strip of 5 or 20p per ticket. Children are allowed to buy as many tickets as they want and these will be on sale from Monday 5th December 2022 until Wednesday 14th December 2022.



Christmas cards:

I've had a few questions as to whether children can bring in Christmas cards from home this year. The answer is yes, but this is not an expectation. If your child wishes to give out cards, please ensure they are in school by Friday 9th December. You can request a class list of first names from the School Office if you wish.

Christmas party day – Friday 16th December 2022:

Christmas party days will take place on Friday 16th December this year. Children are allowed to come in their party clothes this day.



Last day of term arrangements:

As per tradition, we will be closing school slightly earlier for the end of Autumn Term on Friday 16th December as follows :

Nursery : 11:45 | Reception / Years 1 – 6 : 13:15

Children will be able to be picked up from their normal places in the playground. Due to lunches we cannot accommodate earlier pick-ups.



School Bus

School buses will be running and will leave school at 13:05, then make their pick-up at St. John Fishers at 13:20.



Kids Club

Please contact Sara or Rachel if you would like to use this service on the last day of term.

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Summary of the key up and coming dates for your diary



Friday 25 th November	Prepare for Advent Day in Class - in exchange for a chocolate donation, this day will be a Non-Uniform Day
Monday 28 th November	Coppers for CAFOD begins
Thursday 1 st December 09:30	Parents Invite: Years 3 , 4 & 5 – A joint Christmas carol service @ St. Paulinus Church
Saturday 3 rd December 13:00 – 16:00	St. Paulinus Church Christmas Fair @ Parochial Hall
Tuesday 6 th December 09:30	Parents Invite: EYFS – Come to the Manger
Wednesday 7 th December 09:30	Parents Invite: 1T & 2B – Born in a Barn
Thursday 8 th December 09:30	Parents Invite: 1B & 2R – Born in a Barn
Friday 9 th December	Last day to bring your Coppers for CAFOD into school Last day to bring Christmas Cards into School
Tuesday 13 th December 14:00	Parents Invite: Year 6 – Bethlehem, the musical
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Christmas raffle draw & Christmas cards handed out
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Party day
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term – School closes at 13:15



We're really looking forward to the start of our Christmas season in school and I look forward to seeing these amazing productions!

Thank you for continued support of the school, it really means so much to myself and the staff that we are blessed with such wonderful families in our community – we are all very lucky!

Miss Hayes
Headteacher

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