



As we come to the end of a *very* long term, we thank you all for your support over the last few weeks. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Ho Ho Ho, the Year 2 and Year 4 Plays and the Year 5 Carol Service last night. The children have really helped us remember the true reason for Christmas; as I said last night, Christmas carols in the Church really mark the start of the Christmas season for me. As we celebrate the birth of Christ, I would ask you all to remember those for whom this time of year brings sadness as well as Joy, and in particular to pray for Mrs Porter whose father died on Monday.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your generosity and wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas.

**Please don't forget to pre-order your child/children's lunch for when we return to school 7 January 2020.**

**Children return to school Tuesday 7 January 2020**

**Presents from Father Christmas**

It would be great if Father Christmas could replenish pencil cases this year- pens, pencils and glue are always needed!

And please ask him for green hats, scarves and gloves- we will be checking in the New Year!

**Y2 Play collection**

Thank you to all who attended and donated to the Y2 collection at the play on Monday, we raised £239.65 for the Catholic Children's Society.

**Y4 Play collection**

Thank you to all who attended and donated to the Y4 collection at the play on Tuesday, we raised £175.45 for the Catholic Children's Society.





## **Y5 Carol Service Collection**

Thank you to all who attended and donated to the Y5 collection after the Carol Service on Wednesday, we raised £368.47 which will be going to a local hospice.

## **Lost Property**

We have a large amount of lost property left in school, there are no names on the labels on the clothing so the items cannot be returned to their owners. Please can you ensure that your children's uniform has their name on it so they can reunited with it should it be mislaid. Thank you

## **Sports News**

This week we have an interview with Erin and Emma (Year 6) who are both currently preparing for the Barnet Dance Festival.

*"We are getting ready for the dance festival that will take place at the Finchley Arts' Depot next year. Along with other children in years 4, 5 and 6, we rehearse every Friday at lunchtime. This year, the theme for our dance is "spies and action." The music is exciting and the dance is getting really good. It's a lot of fun to take part in group work, individual work and paired dancing in our rehearsals. Last year, the festival was so much fun because we got to watch other groups' performances."*

## **After School Club**

When booking, please check your confirmation email from WISEPAY to ensure you have booked the correct session. All bookings, including those made using child care vouchers, must be paid for in advance. **Please note - due to the high demand for the club on particular days, we will have to start releasing bookings if child care vouchers have not been received. If you need to cancel a booking you will need to email the office so a refund can be processed. Cancellations are not transferable so if you require an alternative date you will need to book and pay for it.**

## **Places in Y1 and FS**





We currently have places available in both Y1 and FS, if you know of any parents/carers looking for places in these year groups please ask them to contact the office.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Tues 7 January : children return to school

Weds 8th January 2020: Parents Association Meeting 8pm

Saturday 1st February 2020: Parents Association "Elvis Night" (grown ups only - further details to follow)

### **After School Club**

The booking form for the first half of the Spring term is available on Wisepay All bookings must be made using WISEPAY. For "same day" bookings (where places are available) please use the **Emergency Booking** option. The cost for an emergency booking is **£12.00**

**The session times are from 15:15-16:30 and 16:30-18:00 costing £5 for each. If you require a full session 15:15-18:00 the cost will be £10.**

### **In order to book:**

Log on to **WISEPAY** please click on the Breakfast/After School Club's option. Scroll down and select the appropriate month and dates required. If there are no spaces available for your chosen session it will display a "0" places available.

Bookings must be made for each session by:

Clicking on the **15.15 - 16:30** option for the first session, or for the second session only the **16:30-18:00** button.

If you currently pay for the sessions using childcare vouchers please use the child voucher payments option on Wisepay.

***If you are a new childcare voucher user please notify the office as we will need to add you to a user group.***

**Please note: For a full session 3.15 - 6pm you must select both session times for that day.**

**If you are late in collecting your child at the end of the session ie after 6pm a penalty charge will be incurred:**

**"£10 for up to 15mins late and £20 after this time"**



**Please note -any changes to existing bookings have to be completed by the administrator so please only book the sessions that you need. Cancellations are NOT transferrable; you will need to rebook if you require another session.**

### **Parents' Association** **Children's Christmas Parties**

We hope all your children enjoyed the FS/KS1/KS2 Christmas parties which took place yesterday and today. The food and Christmas presents were all bought using your fundraising so this is another way in which your wonderful support makes a big difference to all our children. A big thank you has to go to Siobhan O'Connor who coordinated the events and purchased the treats and drink alongwith Marian Donohue, Tracey Rutherford and Gemma Ardani who shopped for the presents, the mums who helped yesterday and to those of you who wrapped the presents to give Santa a helping hand!

### **Christmas Cards for School**

Thank you to all those who purchased Christmas cards, mugs, labels and coasters. This initiative raised £479.67 for the school and we really hope that all your friends and relatives are happy with their cards and gifts!

### **Easyfundraising**

If you are shopping online this Christmas and in the New Year sales, please register for "Easyfundraising" and access thousands of retailers like Amazon, eBay, Tesco, John Lewis and Booking.com as, when you make a purchase via this link, the retailer sends us a free donation AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU. Here is the link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacredheartwhetstone>

### **Littlebird**

Stuck for things to do over the Christmas holidays? The "Littlebird" pass will give you discounts on lots of child friendly events and restaurants. You can buy a discounted Littlebird pass for £19.99 (normal price is £34.99) by quoting our school code which is "SCHSACREDHEART". The sign up page is:

[www.littlebird.co.uk/schools](http://www.littlebird.co.uk/schools)

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