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We follow in Jesus' footsteps

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd Dec	
Tuesday 4th Dec	Advent Service St Anthony's 6pm
Wednesday 5th Dec	Nursery Closed Year 1 Assembly 09.05. INTACT Christmas Fayre 2 – 5
Thursday 6th Dec	Winter Showcase No Mass this week
Friday 7th Dec	Year 1 & 2 trip to Panto

GOOD SAMARITAN AWARDS

YR –
Y1 – **I**
Y2 – **N**
Y3 - **S**
Y4 – **E**
Y5 – **T**
Y6 -

Mission Together

The people walking in darkness
Have seen a great light;
On those living in darkness
A light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2

This week our Year Two class have reminded us about the very special time of Advent. A time when we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. It is also a time of waiting and the children will be encouraged to think about what we are waiting for during Advent and the qualities we need in order to wait!

As a school we are also preparing ourselves by thinking about other people who are homeless in our society; by supporting the work of the Foxton Centre. Our Charity Group have requested items that will prove very useful ie toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants, toiletries, hats, scarves, gloves, as well as treats for the homeless to enjoy. It must be absolutely awful to feel alone in the world and without your own home especially at this time of year. Some children from our Charity Group will then visit the Foxton Centre with Mrs Westray in the last week of school. A big thank you for your generosity.

As we move into this very busy time, we will do our very best to keep you informed of activities here in school and within the community. We update our website with upcoming dates on the newsletters.

We continue to support the work of Mission Together and so, during Advent our preparations will be based around this.

Weekly Star Awards

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CLUBS

Tuesday - Multi Skills (Year 1 and Year 2) Football (Year 5 and 6)
Wednesday - Gymnastics (Year 5 and 6)
Thursday - Dance
Sports Clubs Friday - Netball (Year 5 and 6)

REMINDER: NURSERY CLOSED WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER

PUNCTUALITY - It has been noted lately that we have a number of children who are coming in to school late. As a school, we are required to report to Governors on the punctuality and attendance figures, in assembly every week we also announce the 'winning' class for punctuality and attendance. If your child is late, this obviously not only lets them down but lets their peers down also. If you and your child are regularly late, please try to set off 5 minutes earlier and ensure your child has a happier, less stressful start to their school day**.** ***Every Minute*** **Counts!**

Tuesday, 4th December - Advent Service at St Anthony's – **6pm**. Year 4 children will be attending and Maria from Year 6 will be reading.

Wednesday, 5th December – **Nursery** closed for the day. School in as normal.

Wednesday 5th December – **INTACT Christmas Fayre** from 2pm – 5pm. Christmas Crafts, stalls, face painting, Fr Christmas. If you book to see Fr Christmas it will be £2, not booking is £2.50. Last entry for Fr Christmas will be 3.50pm.

Thursday, 6th December – **Winter Showcase** – Beginning at 3.15 until 4.15 in the Pastoral Centre all children from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing a Winter Showcase of Dance which will be a lovely opportunity to support your children and enable them to perform their stunning dances in front of a huge audience! We look forward to seeing you all! Parents from all classes are invited to come and watch. We ask that you please bring a small amount of change with you as we will be asking for donations with proceeds going to St Catherine's Hospice. If your child is in Reception class and you would like to watch, please come along, if not, please collect your child at the normal finishing time of 3.10.

Wednesday, 12th December – Winter Crafts morning in school from 09.00 – 11.00 – A free, fun, family learning course. We ask for a ratio of one adult **to one child.**
Tuesday, 18th December – Christmas Party Day – Own clothes day

Friday, 21st December – School closes for the Christmas break at 1pm.

Monday, 7th January – School re-opens for the first half of the Spring term.

Parent Governor needed – If anyone is interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please contact Mrs Harrison or Mrs Westray for further details.

School Angel – When you're ordering from shops on the internet, please try to remember to use School Angel. It is extremely easy to use. Instead of going straight to your chosen shop (ie Amazon), type the following into the address bar: https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/holy-family-catholic-primary-preston.html, scroll down and click on your chosen shop. You will be taken straight to their page and will proceed to your purchase as normal, the only difference is that, in the background of your transaction, School Angel will be paying a **percentage of your sale to our school funds at absolutely NO cost to you!** We can then go on to spend the amount on school equipment for the children.

We will be selling the **cuddly decorations for Derian House** from Monday, 3rd December. They are priced at £1.50 each and we have a selection of **'Flumpet' Elves** and a limited number of **Gingerbread people.**

Online payments: Our ultimate aim is to run a 'cashless system' so we are asking again, PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS REGISTER WITH THE ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM. If you have any problems with the registration, please pop into school for another registration letter and instructions. Using the system means that, when you view your child's account, you can see exactly what needs to be paid for and also each payment that you make is recorded just like a receipt which is obviously better for both parties. Thank you.