

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Y3 Homework Sharing

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- Y5 Westminster Cathedral Carol Service

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- RBKC Christmas Festival
- Advent Assembly

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- Y4 Mass in church 9.15am
- Y5 Homework Sharing 2.10pm

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- LAST DAY OF CLUBS
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Dinner at lunchtime
- PTFA Christmas Party 5.30-9.30pm

## *Stars of Tomorrow*

What a week of incredible performances! The week has been jam-packed with concerts, recitals and Nativity shows. Whether they were singing, acting or playing a musical instrument, the children were fantastic. Among many other benefits, the performing arts can significantly improve a child's confidence – a key skill that will be useful to them their entire lives – and we pride ourselves on the many opportunities that are available to our children to perform. Thank you to all the parents and members of staff who ensured the smooth running of all the events this week.

Next week is our final full week before we break up for Christmas. We have lots to look forward to. The weeks leading up to Christmas are a time for celebration but also a time of giving. Until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, we are accepting donations for the Cardinal Hume Centre for young homeless people. If you are able to donate toiletries, non-perishable food, warm clothing and nappies to the centre, we would greatly appreciate it.

Enjoy the weekend – whether you are decorating trees, wrapping gifts, or singing carols, I hope you take a moment to rest before the school Christmas festivities continue!

*Mrs Wyatt - Head Teacher*

### The Nativity



Well done to all the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2! Their beautiful retelling of the Nativity on Thursday and Friday reminded us to keep Christ at the heart of Christmas. The set was incredible and all the children looked fantastic in their costumes, whether they were a shepherd or a Christmas cracker! It was a show that will not easily be forgotten.

### Instrumental Concert



Our mini maestros performed wonderfully on Wednesday and Friday in the instrumental concerts. Children performed pieces on the piano, violin, flute, guitar and drums. The audiences were also treated to some poetry recitals. The concerts were a great opportunity to show parents what progress the children had made in their instrumental lessons, while also giving children the chance to perform in front of an audience – a very important experience for a budding performer.

WEDNESDAY!

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Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is:

HOPE

### Year 3

In RE this week, Year 3 have been learning all about the birth of Jesus.



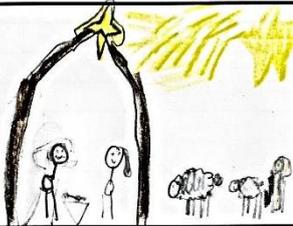
They used religious language to write newspaper articles that recounted the events surrounding the birth.

The Bethlehem Times

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 1BC

£1.90

A New King is BORN



had a stable in the city of David called Bethlehem.

Next shepherds were on hills. Suddenly

a bright light appeared and said there is

a king born in Bethlehem this night

hurry so shepherds went to Bethlehem

Mary had born a king he was so beautiful.

Alexander

On 25<sup>th</sup> December

a MESSIAH was born.

It was getting dark and Mary and Joseph

still did not find a place to lay a king

until they asked the 3<sup>rd</sup> innkeeper and he

## Catholic Life

Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus's presence in our lives; it is also a time to reflect on our actions over the past year and how we can improve as individuals in the year ahead. Priests from around the area held confession for children in KS2 in the Main Hall on Monday. It was a very important moment in the children's preparation for Christmas. Thank you to Fr Pat, Fr Edward, Fr Daniel and Fr Graham who took time out of their busy schedules to join us.

On Thursday, Year 5 had their annual Advent Mass in St Mary's. The children participated by leading some of the prayers and in singing beautiful hymns. We were delighted to welcome so many parents to the church. A big thank you to those who came!

## Pupil Voice

Congratulations, Isabel in Y5, whose beautiful Christmas card design came second place in Strutt & Parker's Christmas card competition. She received a book gift voucher for her hard work.



Congratulations to Year 2!

They have successfully completed four weeks of pedestrian training which teaches them how to be safe when crossing the road. They will be presented with certificates. Thank you to Cycle Experience for providing excellent training.

## Attendance

Well done, Year 6! You had 99.1% attendance this week!

