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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of 2018 may I take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and loyalty. It has been one of the busiest terms I can remember and both children and staff are ready for a break. As you know, we had Ofsted Inspectors with us for two days at our busiest time and we will of course send you the report once we receive it some time in January 2019. We continue to look for ways in which to ensure that the children are happy, safe and enjoying their learning with us at St Catherine's and the overwhelmingly positive feedback posted on Parent View prior to our inspection was very much appreciated by us all.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that 2019 is a year of peace, health and happiness.

With warmest of wishes

Mrs G Askham,
Headteacher



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUTUMN TERM



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING THIS TERM?

Many exciting events, celebrations and educational activities have taken place this term.

We have attended a number of sporting events organised by LASP (Littlehampton Area Sports Partnership) with pleasing results. The sports have included: Football, Netball, Gymnastics, Boccia and Indoor Athletics. We also have a new Archery club starting in the new year organised by JC Sports following a successful taster session in school.

Other class visits have been the Year 3 and 4 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace. Many more trips will be organised for classes during the remainder of the year.

Our Y6 pupils had a successful and enjoyable residential week away at Blackland Farm in September where they bonded as a group and shared plenty of new outdoor adventures together....this continues to be a highlight in the Year 6 Calendar.

We are continuing our exciting system for encouraging reading. With the incentives being star badges (different colour stars depending on words read)

Our Advent service was again a huge success this year as children from all of our Deanery schools joined together in song and prayer to celebrate the season of Advent at Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Richard. A huge thanks to those who were able to support us in this annual event.

A reminder that we have a Breakfast Club running daily during term time between 7.45-8.45am. If you are interested, please contact the School Office and they can provide you with all the information regarding the Club.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed performing their nativity plays for the parents. Several classes and the school Choir have been visiting the sick and elderly within our community recently and we are establishing community links for the future.

And now we look forward to 2019 and the beginning of the Spring term. We already have some exciting activities and challenges set up for the children which we are sure they will enjoy.

Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all
families.
Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.
For this we pray.
Amen.



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Christmas Prayer

I said a Christmas prayer for you
Because the season's near
I didn't ask for riches
But for gifts so much more dear.

I asked for joyful gatherings
With your family all around
And for carols to inspire you
With their old familiar sound.

I asked for quiet moments
In your heart on Christmas morn
For a special time to celebrate
The Savior who was born.

I asked for friends to send their best
That you might know they care
I asked for peace and love and hope
And I know God heard my prayer.

~ Nancy Brummett ~

With every good
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Christmas Season



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Christmas tree that matters
it's who around it...



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You feel good
& when you feel
good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good
it Reminds others
of what joy feels like
& it just ♥
might inspire
them to do
the same.

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The Christmas Fayre for our children was a great success and raised £1112.00. We always need extra helpers for our events, so if you are interested please speak to the School Office

Please also look out for further events next term which include Friday film nights and the Valentine's Disco.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year raised £502, so a big 'thank you' to all those who donated

Points to Remember

1. Please ensure that all pupils with long hair keep their hair tied up at all times. This helps to prevent the spread of headlice between pupils.
2. Drop off Arrangements
Just a quick reminder that children do not need to be on the playground before 8.40 - in time for the bell ringing at 8.45am

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7 January 2019	Return to School
Monday 25 January 2019	Film Night
Tuesday 5 February 2019	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 7 February 2019	Open House
Mon 11 - Fri 15 February 2019	Bikeability Week
Tuesday 12 February 2019	Parent Forum
Friday 15 February 2019	Valentines Disco
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019	Half Term
Friday 22 March 2019	Film Night
Friday 5 March 2019	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 23 April 2019	First Day of Summer Term

The staff of St Catherine's Catholic Primary School wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2019.

School restarts on Monday, 7 January 2019





Merry Christmas