



Thank you for all the bottles for St Catharine's, craft entries to date and the chaplaincy team at Downside Abbey.

St Louis Catholic School Weekly Update 30th November 2017

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The designated persons for Child Protection are Mr Triggs, Mrs Cromie and Mrs Rigby.

Inset Day

Please don't forget the school is closed tomorrow for the planned Inset day.

This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. The end of the Autumn term and the Christmas break are only a matter of two and a half weeks away, children are beginning to learn their parts for Christmas plays and nativities. Carols are being learnt and remembered, the stage will be out in the hall next week and the Christmas Fair is on Friday. Here is a reminder of the events in school as we lead up to Christmas:

Day	Time	Event
Friday 8 th December	5-7pm	PSA Fayre – school hall
Thursday 14 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children
Tuesday 19 th December	2pm	Reception Class – Christmas play – school hall
Tuesday 19 th December	6pm	Year 1 and Year 2 – Christmas play – school hall
Wednesday 20 th December	6pm	Year 3 and Year 4 – Christmas play – school hall
Thursday 21 st December	10am	Carol Service – whole school at St Catharine's Church Park Road
Thursday 21 st December. You will be able to pick your child/ren up from school from 2pm on the last day of term – Thursday 21 st December, if you wish. School will not be closed, but many of you find it helpful for the opportunity of leaving earlier than usual. Further letter to follow.		
Tuesday 9 th January 2018	Return to school Maths workshop 3-4pm in school hall.	

Breakfast Club

Please can all parents please make sure that they sign their children in to breakfast club when they arrive in the hall. Thank you.

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News from St Catharine's – our Parish Church

24th December Christmas Eve 6.00pm Children's Mass

This year, at St Catharine's, the Christmas Eve mass at 6:00pm will be a Children's Mass. The Children will be miming the nativity, singing a carol, doing the readings, bidding prayers and offertory. If your child would like to be involved please email Emma Endicott at emmaendicott@blueyonder.co.uk and let her know your child's name, age and what part they would like to play in the nativity/how they would like to be involved. If more than one person wishes to be a certain role, names will be pulled from a hat.

There will be two rehearsals, Sunday 17th December after the 9:30am mass and Saturday 23rd December at 10:15 in the church. Due to safeguarding restrictions, parents are required to stay with the children during rehearsals. Rehearsals will last no more than an hour.

Costumes will be provided or children are free to wear their own favourite costume.

Please respond to Emma by 3rd December. Thank you.

PSA news

Christmas Cards: You should have all received your child's fabulous Christmas card design this week. **You have until 3rd December** i.e. this Sunday to place your orders online. You can order cards, gift tags or wrapping paper. The completed orders will arrive in School by **12th December**.

Tea Towels: Now available in the school office but selling fast. £4 each or 3 for £10 these make great gifts for grandparents.

Christmas Fayre: This will be held **Friday 8th December** in the school hall. We will be doing the jam jar lottery again this year so please start collecting empty jars and thinking of things to fill them with. We will also need help setting up, running stalls and clearing away, you should have all received a flyer about this yesterday. Please consider giving up some of your time to help make this a really successful event. The more people we have the less everyone has to do and the more fun it is.

Please remember to sell your raffle tickets, there is a prize for the family which sells the most. Also our sales will be matched by Barclays so we really do want to sell as many as possible. If you are not able to sell them please return to the office as someone else may be able to sell them. We have received a number of excellent prizes for the raffle now. In particular we would like to thank the Haynes International Motor Museum for donating a prize. For those of you that do not know of the Museum it offers a fantastic day out for families and motorcar enthusiast alike. There will be leaflets sent out in School bags.

Craft competition: Don't forget all entries for the craft competition should be at school by Thursday 7th December. Thank you.

Bags2school: Thank you for all your donations, the PSA have received £104.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th January at 8pm in the 3 Swans. All welcome.

PLEASE HELP - YMCA IN FROME

Can Christians and churches in the Frome area make a real difference this Christmas to the lives of young people who may not otherwise receive any Christmas presents at all? As Chaplains to the YMCA we see the repercussions from family difficulties, mental health problems and much more. There are a number of young people estranged from any family members and we would love to ensure that each young person receives presents that will be a bit of a treat as well as useful. They are aged 16-25, of both sexes and here are some suggestions: Christmas confectionery (sweets, chocolates, biscuits etc), socks, gloves, hats, scarves, toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, flannels, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, tissues), writing pads and pens and any other bright ideas! Presents should not be wrapped so that the right presents can be chosen for each individual.

Items are needed in good time for Christmas and should be dropped into the YMCA at their Routes cafe in Palmer Street, Frome or at Frome Foyer which has its entrance on Bath Street, Frome between 11th and [14th December](#). Thank you so much.

Chris and Miriam - Mendip YMCA Chaplains (Tel:[01373-469788](tel:01373-469788))

Letters that should have been received (but maybe missed).

Dates for week beginning 4th December.

Monday - Guitar lessons
 Gym Club

Tuesday - Country dancing

Wednesday - Swimming for children in Year 3
 Multisports years 1 and 2

Thursday - Piano lessons
 Woodwind lessons
 Multisports years 5 and 6
 Elliart club

Friday - PSA Christmas fayre
 No Multisports

