

St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Autumn Term

16th November 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had a lovely half-term break, which now seems a long time ago! Thank you for all your ongoing donations, and for the items that were donated to school for our Harvest appeal. Many families, and local foodbanks have received items, and our food pantry is full (if anybody needs any support, please speak to Mrs Collins - we will do everything we can to support people).

Fundraising

Despite the ongoing cost of living rises, our families and community continue to be so supportive. We will continue to fund raise, as people need our support more than ever, and we just ask that you give what you can; we are grateful for anything you can offer.

Friday 24th November

The Parish will hold their Christmas Fayre on Sunday 26th November from 12 - 2pm. School supports the fayre by running a tombola. We will be holding a non- uniform day on **Friday 24th November**, and we ask for a donation for the Parish Christmas Fayre Tombola, if at all possible (New items only please eg: Bottles, new toys (with labels), gift sets, chocolates etc).

Friday 8th December

Caritas Day of Giving fundraising day – we will be holding a second non-uniform day on **Friday 8th December** to support the Caritas appeal as our charitable works for Advent. Caritas is in need of the following: brand new men's/women's hats, gloves, scarves, socks, underwear; toiletries including shower gel, shaving foam, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant; Christmas treats eg: chocolate, mince pies, cakes. Any support you can give is gratefully received; no donation is too small (see flyer attached). We will be taking all donations to Caritas headquarters on Friday afternoon.

Please can we ask, whenever we hold non-uniform days/party days, that clothing is appropriate for being in a school with younger children. We have had some children coming into school with crop tops, t-shirts with inappropriate logos, make-up etc, and inappropriate footwear for playing out. Thank you for your support.

Parent's Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you in school. Thank you for attending, and for your lovely comments and support.

School car park

Now that access is easing and our car park is open, please can I remind families that it is for staff use only, **at all times**; please can you let all members of the family know, that may be in the position of dropping off or collecting children from school. Can I also ask that you avoid using Edward St and the small car park; this area is becoming congested again, and we would have a major problem if we required emergency services. This became apparent on Monday, when we needed the tree surgeons to come out to the Willow tree during the stormy weather around home-time.

We are lucky to have the Parish Centre car park and the cemetery within a short distance to school. Thank you for supporting our community with this.

St. Herbert's RC Primary School – Job Vacancies

Would you like to contribute to moving our school forward on its mission in providing the best for our children? We are currently looking to employ more lunch time supervisors. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to our staff team and help keep dinner times safe and fun for all our children. Your working hours would be 11:30am – 1:00pm; the main duty of the role is the supervision of children during that time. For more information please email; enquiries@stherberts.education or contact the school office.

Diary Dates including Christmas Events:

Parish Christmas Fayre:

Sunday 26th November (after 11am Mass) - 12-2pm

Pantomime visit:

Tuesday 5th December Touring Panto in school – All pupils (Paid for by the PFA)

Shows:

30th November - **UKS2 show** 'It's Christmas!' 1:30pm **OR** 7pm performances (3 tickets per family for one performance) – School Hall

12th December - **EY Nativity** 09:30am (2 tickets per family) – School Hall

13th December **KS1 Nativity** 1:30pm **OR** 14th December 9:30am (2 tickets per family for one performance) – School Hall

For both of the above nativities, we will be asking for donations, as suggested by previous audiences. Our school ambassadors will have buckets on the door, to raise much needed school funds! They have asked me to give you as much notice as possible, so that you can bring some cash on the day!! (I've trained them well :))

18th December - **LKS2** Carol service 6:30pm

This service will be held on 18th December at 6:30pm **in Church**. There are no tickets issued for this service, but we please ask that only LKS2 families attend; the church does not have a large capacity, which is why we split LKS2 and UKS2 events.

Other events:

PFA event: Breakfast with Santa 6th/ 7th December – please see attached flyer. Due to capacity in the Hall, please only order tickets for one of the days, either the 6th or 7th December. A link to a google form to order tickets will be emailed shortly.

19th December - Christmas Pupil Party Afternoon

Children will hold their parties in their classrooms; we are hoping Fr Christmas will appear in person again, like last year! As per last year, on Christmas Party Day the catering team are going to provide a special lunch for those on dinners, and the children on packed lunches can bring in special items as a one-off treat eg: chocolate, cakes, sweets etc.

20th December - School Christmas Mass at Church 10:00am

21st December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Finish for Christmas Holidays 22nd December at 1:30pm.

Christmas Raffle – tickets will go on sale w/c 4th December £1 a strip, and the draw will take place on 22nd December, after assembly.

School closes for the Christmas Holidays on **Friday 22nd December at 1:30pm** and re-opens **Monday 8th January 2024**.

Your support makes our job much easier, and we thank you for this. As always, we will do our best for your children, and we look forward to a wonderful Christmas half-term.

Kind Regards

Mrs S J Milligan

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