

Newsletter

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Our Advent Prayer



O God,
As light comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
warming our hearts and
brightening our way.
May Christ our Saviour bring life
into the darkness of this world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.



Message from the Headteacher

Happy Christmas! It has been a highly successful term for the school and a thoroughly enjoyable one for me personally. I hope that your child has prospered too.

I have been spending time listening, as parents, staff and pupils have shared their wisdom and their opinions about the school; I have also been busy visiting lessons, in order to see for myself the ways in which our pupils learn. I have been enormously impressed by what I continue to see – our school is full of ambitious, well-motivated and hard-working children, working very effectively with their talented and committed teachers.

When I applied for the position of Headteacher, I saw that the school had the following aims:

- Create a range of opportunities that care for the individual and meet the needs of all pupils, whilst challenging them to exceed expectations.*
- Set high academic standards and achieve excellence. (On Thursday it was published in the Primary League Tables that Holy Trinity were in the top 11 schools in the County for academic achievement).*
- Maintain the traditional ethos that is embedded in the heart of our school.*
- Engender our Catholic values of respect, courtesy, consideration and tolerance that culminates in the creation of responsible citizens.*

Having been at the school for over three years, I can see that these aims remain right at the heart of the way the school works.

We have come to the end of this long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark weather of the season. As Christmas draws closer, it is inevitable that our minds start, albeit briefly, to drift away from the hard work of our day-to-day school business, to the festive period itself. Let us remind ourselves, that this is one time of year when it is commonplace to find the spirit of human kindness alive and well. Let us embrace this by ensuring that we enjoy ourselves safely, but also take time to look out for those nearest and dearest to us and those less fortunate than ourselves. I hope you enjoy looking through the photos which tell the story of our Christmas performances and events.

All that is left, is to wish you and your families a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Some dates for your diary for next year.....

Return back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Whole School Mass for Epiphany on Friday 6th January 2017 in church at 9.10am.

Parents' Consultation Evenings –

Tuesday 21st February 3.10 – 5.30pm

Thursday 23rd February 3.15 – 6.00pm

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE COLLECTIONS

We would like to thank you all for your generosity. We raised just over £900 for our charities from the Christmas Performances and the choir singing at the Co-op. This is the most we have ever raised. Thank you very much.

Punctuality Bears have been given out for the academic year 2015/2016.

Thank you to all the parents who bring their children into school on time at the start of the school day. Please can I remind parents that school opens at 8.40am and KS2 children start working straight away.

The vast majority of parents bring their children to school on time, but please can I ask all parents to bring their children in by 8.40am as they are losing valuable learning time.

KS1 start handwriting at 8.50am and KS2 start their morning activities at 8.40am.

The choir at the Co-op



We have had some great feedback about the Christmas products that finally arrived this week - thank you for your patience.

Thanks to the band night, the disco, Christmas Fayre, and now the Christmas cards, we have raised well over £3000 this academic year! Thank you for your support and generosity.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 16th January, 7.30pm at the school - all welcome, as usual.

Enjoy the break and Happy Christmas everyone!



**The Churches Together in Chipping Norton wish you a
Happy Christmas and welcome you to our services of worship.**

St Mary's Church (Anglican)

Sunday 18th December

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
followed by mulled wine
and mince pies

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Family Celebration

St James' Chapel, Over Norton (Anglican)

Sunday 18th December

9.15am Morning Worship with Carols

Methodist Church

Sunday 18th December

11am Morning Worship
6pm Carols by Candlelight
followed by coffee and
mince pies

Christmas Day

10.00am Family Service

Community Church

Sunday 18th December

4.00pm Carol Service at St Mary's School, Chipping Norton

Holy Trinity Church (Catholic)

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas
11.00pm Christmas Carols
11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.30am Mass
(Confession by request)

Baptist Church

Sunday 18th December

5.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 21st December

2.30pm Messy Christmas for
adults and children up to
11 years

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Morning Worship