



Love, Faith and Truth

## Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, Sowerby Bridge

**NEWSLETTER 10** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Sunday, the family mass to celebrate the start of Advent led by Year 2, supported by our choir and readers from year 5 and year 6 was wonderful. From the compliments and praise given by both Fr Malachy and the parishioners it is clear that the children's contribution and parental attendance at the Mass, is very much appreciated.

I do hope that this can be continued throughout the year. **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY IS Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 when our choir and children from Year 3 and Year 4 will help us to celebrate Mother's Day.**

The Christmas Fayre at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church was a huge success. Thank you for your support with gift items, bottles, the purchase of raffle tickets and attendance and spending at the Fayre.



### *Have you booked your place at our Christmas Ball?*



Music, dancing, karaoke, prizes and light refreshments are all included in the entry price of £1.50 pp, max £3.00 per family. This fun event has been organised by our School Council for **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Reception & Key Stage 1 3:15pm - 4:30pm**

**Key Stage 2 4:45pm - 6:00pm**

### **Our Advent Project**

### **'When a Child is Born' was launched on**



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** The 'Gianna

Project' aims to support expectant Mums and their families in preparing for the arrival of a new baby. Already our table is filling up with lovely items both old and new. **What is required? Any items which are**

**needed/suitable for a new baby. Whilst not exhaustive items could include clothing, nappies, toiletries, furniture, equipment and toys.**



Do you have or do you know of any boys and girls who are due to start school in September 2019? Please encourage parents to come and have a look around. Information packs will be sent out to any family who register an interest and guidance will be provided on how to complete the **Local Authority online application which must be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**



The outcomes from the parental questionnaire completed in October are now finalised and the complete analysis is on the parent section of our school website.

The results are extremely rewarding and we are really pleased with the overall views of our school. As a staff, we are currently working on the 'areas where we could do better', and will advise you as soon as we have some suggestions/ideas on how we think these can be addressed. However, can I please remind all parents that if you do have any concerns or issues relating to matters in school will you please contact us! to make a mutually convenient appointment to discuss.



No doubt there will be many requests for Father Christmas to deliver electronic devices, mobile phones, games consoles etc, this year. In an attempt to keep you informed on how best to ensure your children are safe from the dangers of social media 'Musicalternative' have provided access to this jolly online safety jingle for parents

Please watch and feel free to share this song across your social media platforms:

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1070288625877872641>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/1080494295458667/>

**Youtube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

**Download:** Please request here > <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>



Saturday Morning Forest School

**When:** 10:00am to 12:00 pm every third Saturday of the month.

**Next one Sat 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**What:** Games, food, craft, play, fun

**Who** Anyone of primary school age, bring a friend, relative or neighbour

**Cost:** £4 a child

Booking essential as places are limited due to health and safety, contact the school office to book a place. Tel: 01422 831360 email: [admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk)



Diary dates to note:

<b>CHRISTMAS DATES</b>	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• School Council planning a Christmas Ball
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Christmas Jumper Day £1 pp max £2 per family all monies raised are in aid of CAFOD World Gifts
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• St Paul's Methodist Church 'The Live Nativity' 11am - 4pm Free Entry Please see posters displayed around school
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Reception & Year 1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Christmas Dinner
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	• Carols around the tree 2:15 pm
<b>New School Year Dates</b>	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	• School re-opens for the Spring Term
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Mass for the Epiphany in school 10am
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Reconciliation classes for Year 3 pupils start 4:30pm in school
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• Weigh and Measure Reception and Year 6 More information to follow
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	• NSPCC SAFEGUARDING FOR PARENTS 9am in School Hall

**Have a great weekend everybody.**

Mrs Sue McManamin

