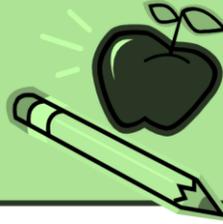




Newsletter



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St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

Travelling Crib

Starting from today, over the next two weeks each girl will be bringing home the class '**Travelling Crib**'. This is to allow you as a family to spend some time with your daughter reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas.

Redbridge Maths Contest

This week, all girls participated in the Redbridge Maths Competition on 'Sumdog'. In total, 1015 students across the borough answered 217817 questions correctly but I am delighted to announce that Prep 4 came 2nd in the whole borough and Prep 3 came third. Prep 2 came 20th and Infants 3 32nd. All girls now have logins to the Sumdog site and this will form part of their no pens homework on a Thursday night.

Upcoming Events

Preps singing in church on Wednesday 5th December at 2pm

Book Fair on display every afternoon in the Nursery from Thursday 6th December.

Infant Nativity on Friday 7th December, refreshments served at 1.30pm

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12th December. Girls to wear their Christmas jumper over their tunics please (no cardigans necessary).

Preps Carol Service on Thursday 13th December, refreshments served from 1.30pm

Advent Boxes

Today, the girls will bring home a small collection box in the shape of an Advent Candle. They can be filled with loose change to remember others who may not be as fortunate as themselves at this special time of the year.

They are designed to carry the message of advent and can be used to reinforce the meaning of Christmas to the children. The flames on the candles have been left blank so that the children can symbolically light them by colouring them in as they progress through the weeks of Advent.

Please return to school by Thursday 13th December. All girls who return their Advent Candle will receive some **magic Reindeer food!!**

Last year, the **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Appeal** raised over £10,000 - a fantastic amount of money that made a huge difference to the lives of many children in our Diocese.

Diocesan Primaries Jesse Tree Gift

Dear Families, Many of your homes will be filled with traditions as you make preparations for Christmas through the season of Advent. The Jesse tree is a family Advent devotional, which helps connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. Each day through Advent, we decorate a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Each ornament tells the story of God and his relationship with the ancestors of Christ in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

This is a lovely way to spend time with your children, and with God this Advent. The guide we have purchased is designed for families with young children, put into terms that are easy to read and discuss. There are pre-coloured or colourable ornaments available for those looking for a craft activity. You can request a copy of the free digital book, printable tree and ornaments from

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Mission Statement

We are a Mercy School
We live and work together,
as Jesus taught us,
spreading his loving friendship
to everyone we meet

Clubs - Premier Sports

I am delighted with the overwhelming response to the introduction of afterschool clubs for the Spring term. Premier Sports will be hosting an Assembly on Monday 3rd December, to introduce themselves to the girls and encourage and inspire them to adopt a more active lifestyle and embrace the new clubs on offer to them.

Science Club

We will also be introducing a new Science Club in the Spring term and details will be circulated after their Assembly to the children on Monday 10th December. The club will take place on Thursday and will be offered to the Prep classes. Bookings are also online and details will be forthcoming shortly.

Christmas Disco Party – 1.30pm – 4pm

I hope that everyone has a truly lovely time on **Sunday** at the Christmas Disco Party, organised by our fantastic PA. Please remember that you will only be able to attend if you have already bought a ticket. Have fun!

You are invited



The School Council has nominated Haven House as the recipient of this year's Christmas retiring collection.

This Week's Attendance

Nursery	97%
Infants 1	100%
Infants 2	100%
Infants 3	100%
Prep 1	100%
Prep 2	97%
Prep 3	99%
Prep 4	98%

Well done – an outstanding effort this week!

Reminders

- The Book Fair arrives on Thursday 6th December 2018 and will be based in the Nursery from 3.30pm until Wednesday 12th December. A fantastic array of books will be on sale – perfect for Christmas presents! Do come and support us!
- School closes at 3pm on Friday 14th December 2018 and reopens on Tuesday 8th January 2019.
- The final swim is Thursday 6th December. Lessons will resume on Thursday 17th January 2019.
- The next Merit Assembly will be Friday 11th January 2019.

