



Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

Truth, Love, Life to The Full

Autumn Week 11- 24/11/23

Message from the Headteacher

We had a very busy day in school on Tuesday, with Bishop John and Daniel Copley (CEO of the Emmaus Trust) visiting our school as well as professional photographers and videographers. Some of the children met Bishop John and warmly welcomed him into our school. As always, the behaviour of our children was impeccable. I have had a sneak peek of the photos and they really capture our amazing children, school and curriculum. I can't wait to share them with you.

This week our school council has prepared a very important message for parents about road safety.

Please click this link to view their important message:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Hil_AzHnp0

STOP! THINK!



Have a great weekend,

Mrs Seaborn

In the Curriculum

This week, Y2 have been looking at materials as part of our science topic. The children worked in pairs to look for items and objects outside of the classroom and identified the material they are made from.

Year 5 wrote letters to the Christkind in German this week. The Christkind (sometimes known affectionately as Christkindl) is a traditional giver of gifts at Christmas time in Germany. The children told Christkind what they would like for Christmas and are now waiting excitedly for a reply!



School Council- Road Safety Week

Over the last couple of weeks, the School Council have been working on some ideas for Road Safety Week 2023. This week, all of their hard work came together with some excellent presentations in the classrooms which highlighted how we can keep ourselves safe when around roads. They have created a video pleading to parents to stop parking on the yellow zigzags outside of the junior building. This is something they felt really strongly about as I am sure you will see from the video. We ask again that you refrain from parking here for the safety of all children.

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Mystery Reader

Keep your eyes peeled next week for a letter about a top-secret reading mission! We are looking for Mystery Readers to come into classrooms to share their favourite books with the children. This will share a love of reading to all the students.

Applying for Reception places for September 2024

Nursery parents, just a reminder that you need to apply for your child's September 2024 Reception place by Monday 15th January 2024. Please apply on line. To access the online portal page, visit www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions and select 'apply for a primary school place'. Then select 'get a reception place for September 2024'. If you are having any problems with applying, please contact the office. If you have already applied, you do not need to do anything!

Early Reading Workshop for Parents in Reception and Year 1 (Evening Workshop)

We will be running another early reading and phonics parent workshop on Thursday 30th November at 5pm in the school hall at the Infant Department. The workshop will give you some key information about how to support your child with reading and phonics. We will begin by looking at how we teach phonics at Mount Carmel and then we will provide some simple ideas of how to support your child at home on their reading journey. All welcome- please join!

Donations for the Big Sleep In

On Friday 8th December, a group of Year 5 and 6 children (from groups including the School Council and GIFT Team) will be taking part in 'The Big Sleep In'. This will involve them staying overnight in school without their usual home comforts, as they have chance to experience what it might be like to be homeless. Whilst in school, they will be putting together gift hampers which will be distributed to homeless people across Manchester. If you are able, we would really appreciate any donations which can be added to these gift hampers. We are looking for the following items: soap, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrush, hairbrush, toothpaste, chocolate bar, biscuits, chewing gum, deodorant, tissues, socks, gloves, hat, scarf, hair bobbles, book. Thank you.

Birthday Sweets

A gentle reminder that children are not to bring sweets, cake, chocolate and lollypops as gifts to give out on their birthday. We are a healthy eating school and have some children with allergies to different ingredients. In order to support this, please consider other alternatives to sweets to a similar value if you feel you want to provide something (there is no expectancy to do this). Some parents have donated a book which is shared on the day and then added to the class library as a nice alternative.

Virtues and Values

This term we are growing to be Intentional and Prophetic. We will be promoting these values in school through our collective worship and in discussions with the children. Each week a child in each class will be chosen for a special certificate for using these values and will have afternoon tea with Mrs Seaborn.

“Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.”

Attendance for the Week

Every day counts! We will be holding a KS2 raffle each half term for children who achieve 100% attendance during that half term. The prize for this half term is cinema gift vouchers.

Nursery	92.6%	Year 3D	96.7%
Reception S	84.3%	Year 3R	94.0%
Reception J	90.0%	Year 4L	98.0%
Year 1B	89.0%	Year 4S	95.7%
Year 1L	93.9%	Year 5H	97.4%
Year 2C	96.3%	Year 5W	95.0%
Year 2G	96.0%	Year 6B	88.7%
		Year 6C	96.7%

Christmas Events 2023

We are fast approaching Advent and the Christmas season. Below is a list of important Christmas dates for your diary.

Friday 1st December Advent Assembly



Year 1 will lead the Infant Department in a special Advent assembly. Year 1 parents are welcome to join this celebration. 9am Infant **Hall**

Monday 4th December Junior Pantomime

Years 3-6 to visit Middleton Arena to see the Pantomime 'Jack & the Beanstalk.' Junior children can bring a small bag of sweets and a non-fizzy drink on this day to take to the theatre.

Friday 8th December -Christmas Jumper Day



We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper or wear something red and Christmassy. On this day, we would like to support the 'Bee There Christmas Campaign' for Caritas and would be grateful if children could bring a £1 donation this day. For more information about this campaign follow this link <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/will-you-bee-there-this-christmas/>

If you have any old Christmas jumpers you would like to donate, please hand into the school office too.

Wednesday 13th December- Infant Pantomime

Reception- Y2 will watch 'Sleeping Beauty' performed by a Theatre Group coming in to school. A small treat and drink will be provided by school

Thursday 14th December- KS2 Christmas Music Afternoon

Parents and carers of KS2 children please join us for a musical afternoon from 1:30pm. Hot drinks and mince pies will be served. Performance times of each class will be sent out next week.

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas Dinner Day

If you would like a Christmas Dinner on this day, please make sure you have selected and paid for this on school grid.

Tuesday 19th December- EYFS Nativity



Nursery and Reception Nativity performance will be held at 2:30pm in the Infant Hall. Nursery and Reception parents are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 20th December- Christmas Party Day

Children can come to school in their party clothes. The kitchen will be serving Christmas party food in grab bags. If you would like your child to have the party food at dinner time, please make sure you have selected and paid for this on school grid.

Friday 22nd December- Y2 Nativity Performance



The Y2 Nativity performance will be held at 9am in the Infant Hall. Y2 parents are welcome to attend.

Dates for the Dairy

30/11/23	<u>Evening Parent Phonics Workshop 5pm</u> This is an important early reading workshop suitable for both Reception and Year 1 parents. This workshop will provide you with information about our phonics scheme and give you advice on how to support your child in learning to read
1/12/23	<u>Advent Assembly</u> Year 1 will lead the Infant Department in a special advent assembly. Year 1 parents are welcome to join this celebration. 9am Infant Hall
4/12/23	<u>Junior Pantomime</u> Years 3-6 to visit Middleton Arena to see the Pantomime 'Jack & the Beanstalk.'
7/12/23	<u>Parental Workshop – 'Supporting your Child's Mental Health'</u> 9am Infant Hall- All Welcome
8/12/23	<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u> £1 donation for Caritas
8/12/23	<u>Big Sleep Out</u> GIFT team will be invited to take part in the Big Sleep Out- more information will follow.
12/12/23	<u>SEND Parent Drop in @Junior Department 9am- 12pm</u> If you would like to meet with Mrs Watson please call the office for an appointment. Parents from Nursery- Year 6 welcome
13/12/23	<u>Infant Pantomime</u> Reception- Y2 'Sleeping Beauty' will be performed by a Theatre Group coming in to school
14/12/23	<u>Christmas Music Afternoon</u> KS2 parents please join us for an afternoon of Christmas music. Mince pies and hot drinks provided.
19/12/23	<u>EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity Performance.</u> EYFS Parents welcome 2:30pm Infant Hall
19/12/23	<u>Christmas Dinner Day- Please pay on school grid</u>
20/12/23	<u>Christmas Party Day- Please wear party clothes. Christmas party dinner available on school grid.</u>
22/12/23	<u>Year 2 Nativity Performance - Y2 Parents Welcome. 9am Infant Hall.</u>
22/12/23	<u>School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm</u>