



Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

Truth, Love, Life to The Full

Christmas Edition- Week 15

22/12/23

Message from the Headteacher



On behalf of the staff and governors at Mount Carmel, I would like to wish all our children, parents, carers and families a very happy and holy Christmas and every blessing for the new year.

We have had a fun filled week at school with visits from Santa, movie nights and Christmas parties but at the centre of it all, we remember the true meaning of Christmas- God loved us so much he sent his son, Jesus. The birth of Jesus brings us love, hope and joy. This is the message our Infant children have brought to us this week in their joyous nativity performances. The children sang beautifully, delivered their lines confidently and looked amazing in their costumes. Thank you for joining us and a huge well done to the children and staff.



It is our duty to proclaim and celebrate the birth of Jesus and to ensure that the true message of Christmas is at the forefront of our hearts. All members of our school community are welcome at our parish- please try to go Mass over Christmas to celebrate. I have included the times for Mass below.

Guiding Star - A prayer for Christmas

Lord, the sight of the guiding star, brought hope, courage and joy to those who had journeyed to find you.

When our journey seems long, when hope seems far away, when our courage is failing, fill us with faith and trust; shine your light on our fears, lift our hearts with your joy.

Help us to recognise you in our brothers and sisters throughout the world; show us how we can work together so that we may all come to share in the life promised to us by Jesus, the Saviour of us all.

Amen

With love and prayers, Mrs Seaborn



Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th Dec-The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday Mass 9.30am -John Bosco

Sunday Mass 11.30am - Mount Carmel

Christmas Eve Mass 5.30pm - John Bosco

Christmas Eve Mass 7.30pm - Mount Carmel

Monday 25th Dec -The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day Mass 9.30am -John Bosco

Christmas Day Mass 11.30am -Mount Carmel

Counting Down to Christmas

This week we have been counting down to Christmas with some very special music performances from our children. Take a look at our fantastic videos following the links below.

Year 6 – Love Shone Down

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=su1bITz63Xg>



Year 4- Santa's Coming For Us

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Rg6-Wwr1Ko



Year 2- What are you dreaming of? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ugCzXtXLOM&feature=youtu.be>



Reception- Under a Star <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhBYlxsoPJI>



Nursery- Do you have a place to stay? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4CT8Sh0UXw>



Year 5- When Christmas Comes to Town

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9BXcKhI-bo>



Choir- Child In a Manger Born

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2iyvDbq2Q>



You can find more videos and photos of our wonderful school on our website!

<https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/> and on X @Mount_Carmel1

Attendance

Every day counts! Today the prize for this half term (cinema vouchers) was awarded on a raffle in the KS2 assembly. The whole school's attendance for this term is 95.1%!

Dates for the Diary	
9/1/24	School Opens for the Spring Term
7/2/24	Safer Internet Day
9/2/24	Internet Safety Workshop for parents 9am Infant Department
13/2/24	Big Bedtime Read 5pm (More information to follow)
15/2/24	Year 4S- Lent Collective Worship 2:45pm (Year 4S Parents welcome- Junior Hall)
15/2/24	School closes for half term
19/3/24	Junior Parents' Evening
20/3/24	Infant Parents' Evening
27/3/24	Stations of the Cross Liturgy for Y6 parents 2:45pm (Junior Hall)
28/3/24	Easter Play (Year 2) – Year 2 Parents welcome 9 am (Infant Hall)
28/3/24	School closes for Easter at 1:30pm



**Mount Carmel R.C. Primary
Holiday List 2024- 2025**

AUTUMN TERM			
Wednesday	SCHOOL OPENS	Wednesday 4th September 2024	33
Friday	SCHOOL CLOSSES	Friday 18 th October 2024	
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>			
Tuesday	SCHOOL OPENS	Tuesday 29 th October 2024	39
Friday	SCHOOL CLOSSES	Friday 20 th December 2024	
<i>Christmas Holidays</i>			
SPRING TERM			
Monday	SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 6 th January 2025	30
Friday	SCHOOL CLOSSES	Friday 14 th February 2025	
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>			
Monday	SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 24 th February 2025	35
Friday	SCHOOL CLOSSES	Friday 11 th April 2025	
<i>Easter Holidays</i>			
SUMMER TERM			
Tuesday	SCHOOL OPENS	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	23
Monday	SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025	
Friday	SCHOOL CLOSSES	Friday 23 rd May 2025	
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>			
Monday	SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 9 th June 2025	30
Friday	SCHOOL CLOSSES	Friday 18 th July 2025	

The table above shows 190 pupil school days

Please note- family holidays should not be taken during term time. As of 1st September 2013, the legislation regarding taking children out of school during term time for the purpose of going on holiday changed. This means that the law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday in term time. **Unauthorised absence from school for the purpose of a holiday could lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued.**