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Dear Parents,

Advent has finally arrived and each morning, the children are enjoying their Walk With Me assemblies, led by a different member of staff each day. It is such a calm and prayerful way to start our learning and reminds us that Advent is a time of preparation and spiritual renewal. Our Christmas tree(s) are up, our class altars are shrouded in purple and our nativity practices and carol singing is in full swing! School is currently such a delightful place to be – the joy is almost palpable and this comes almost entirely from the children (with the staff contributing a *little*).

Golden Book

Reception: Amy Cerolini for being so kind and considerate towards her peers and always being so helpful in class. Amy is excellent at following our classroom rules and reminds others to do so too. Well done ,Amy!

Year One: Ethan Burke for really trying hard in everything he does. Ethan is a lovely boy who always listens to his teachers. He has made great improvements and his writing skills have improved greatly. His instructions this week on how to make a jam sandwich were very informative and lovely to read. Well done Ethan.

Year Two: Charlie Copestick for making such huge progress with his reading, knowing all of his phonics sounds without help and trying his best to be independent in lessons. Keep up the good work, Charlie!

Year Three: Jude Goddard for his focus and imagination in Literacy this week, using different sentence types to make his writing interesting to the reader. Jude has been focusing on improving his handwriting and spelling over the last few weeks and his recent work has shown this effort. Keep up the good work, Jude!

Year Four: Lucas Cuzick for showing a real flare for writing, including a variety of sentence types, using speech marks accurately and continually improving his presentation. Keep up the excellent work!

Year Five: Oisin Finnegan for producing a thoughtful and considerate ‘reverse’ poem and working hard all week! Well done, Oisin!

Year Six: Liam Cunnane for showing dedication and diligence in all that he does in school. He is a role model for his hard work, neat presentation and excellent attitude. He can always be relied upon to get jobs done to a high standard.

Year Three Reconciliation

Congratulations to all children from Year Three who celebrated receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night. This is the second of your three Sacraments of Initiation and is an essential step in the journey of preparing you to receive Communion.

Parking

Parents are reminded that they are not to bring their vehicles onto the school site regardless of the time. We have after-school clubs operating each evening and our driveway is used as part of our one-way system currently. Please park on the side roads and walk onto the school grounds.

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together**.

Admission Policy Consultation

Please see the section on the website if you have any comments to make about our proposed Admission Policy for 2023/24. As stated before, schools must undertake this formal process every seven years, even when there are no changes.

<https://www.sab.bham.sch.uk/admissions.htm>

Raffle tickets for sale!

Please purchase your tickets from Mrs Thorne each morning – they are priced at £1 for a strip and you have the opportunity to win one of seven different hampers. Thank you in advance for all your generosity!

December dates for your diary

Tues 7th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day and Children's Christmas Dinner

Wed 8th Dec (am): Whole School Mass (Immaculate Conception) at 9:30 in church

Wed 8th Dec (pm): Reception Open Day 14:00 - [->>Book here!<<](#)

Thurs 9th Dec: KS2 @ James and the Giant Peach (Theatre trip) 10:30

Fri 10th Dec: Reception Nativity 10:00

****Deadline for Christmas Shoebox Appeal****

Mon 13th Dec: KS1 Nativity 14:00

Tues 14th Dec: KS1 Nativity 14:00

Wed 15th Dec: Christmas parties (pm)

Thurs 16th Dec: KS2 Carol Concert at 7pm in the church

Fri 17th Dec: Whole School Mass at 9:30 in the parish church

Fri 17th Dec: School closes at 14:00

January dates for your diary

Tues 4th Jan: School re-opens at 8:45

Thurs 6th Jan: Whole School Mass at 9:30 (Epiphany)

Thurs 20th Jan: Year Six St Chad's Cathedral visit

Fri 21st Jan: Year Five class assembly 9:00

Fri 28th Jan: Year One Class Mass 14:00 – **all parents welcome!**

February dates for your diary

Fri 4th Feb: Year Four Class assembly 9:00

Fri 18th Feb: Year Two class Mass 14:00

Fri 18th Feb: Break up at 15:30

Birthdays this week...

Many happy returns to the following children who are all celebrating their birthday this week: Joseph Maloney in Year Six was 11 on Tuesday, and Rory Goddard in Year Four was 9 on Thursday; Edward and Eugene Newman from Year Two are both seven on Saturday and Maria Nadolna in Reception is five on Sunday.

All that remains to say is to have a restful and relaxing weekend, ready to return on Monday. God bless.

Mr Clinton