



# St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

By the time you read this, Reception's nativity will have been performed and all children suitably praised for their singing and their acting! Just like Fr Paul, I too find it difficult to keep secret how much I enjoy both Christmas and the preparations that take place in the run up to Advent. School has been a joyous place to be these past few weeks, and rightly so.

### Golden Book

**Reception:** Theo Richardson for being so fantastic in class this week, putting 100% effort into all he does and always having a smile on his face. He has tried so hard with our nativity practices, confidently saying his lines and joining in with all of our songs. Keep up the hard work, Theo!

**Year One:** Oscar Tranter joined Year One this week and has worked hard to learn the actions and words of all of the songs in the Nativity. He is a great role model; he is always polite and has settled in well - a great addition to the class. Fantastic work, Oscar!

**Year Two:** Amelie Robinson always being a fantastic role model to her peers. She puts 100% into everything she does and always strives to be the best person she can be. It is a pleasure to have you in Year 2 Amelie!

**Year Three:** Jacques Slattery-Pope for having endless enthusiasm! He puts one hundred percent effort into all that he does. This week he has produced a fantastic shape poem using expanded noun phrases, similes and alliteration. He has a positive attitude and is an excellent role model for others.

**Year Four:** Jude Goddard has worked incredibly hard in Maths this half term.

Jude consistently puts 100% effort into his work and pushes himself to answer more advanced calculations. Well done, Jude!

**Year Five:** Nico Hansa has excelled so far in Year Five and works to the best of his ability. He is always considerate and thoughtful of his teachers, friends, and the wider school community. Nico has supported his classmates with their learning and always does this with a smile on his face.

**Year Six:** Caitlyn Ansermoz for tackling challenges with positivity and enthusiasm. She has a can-do attitude to all areas of the curriculum and is keen to share her fantastic ideas with others. She always has a smile on her face and tries to spread joy and happiness where ever she goes.

### School sleepover

Thank you to all who have donated. The total is now well over £2000. I will confirm the final amount once it is in, and will ensure that the parish are informed of the total and thanked for their donations too.

### Parking

I am genuinely sorry to moan about the situation outside but we have had comments and anonymous complaints from neighbours and parents alike. Please do not park on the grass verges and please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside the school entrance. It may be the case that parents may have to park a little further away from school - where there is more space - and then walk the final distance. Please do this if necessary. It is a small price to pay for a) keeping our children safe, and b) keeping our neighbours happy.

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

### **Peter, our wonderful Lollypop Man**

You will agree with me, I hope, that Peter the Lollypop Man is worth his weight in gold. Unfortunately, he has decided to retire. In fact, he decided to retire last year and was persuaded to stay on. He genuinely loves the job but feels now the time is right to step down. He has been a wonderful asset to our school since he joined and I know you will miss him greatly. I will keep you updated with his replacement, though he is actually going to be very hard to replace indeed.

### **Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day**

Both of these are happening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December! However, there is no pressure: children can wear a Christmas jumper with their own clothes or they can just wear their own clothes, without a Christmas jumper. There is no need to go out and buy one specially. All children will eat together – regardless of whether they are having a hot dinner or bringing their sandwiches – and we will decorate the tables accordingly and listen to Christmas music as we do so. In the afternoon, we will continue the theme with some Christmas activities in class. There is usually a £1 donation to do this, payable to our Advent charities (SIFA Fireside and St Basil's) but any donation, no matter how small, is appreciated. School is awash with rumours that Mrs Corrigan is digging out her famous elf outfit (again) so you can all look forward to that too.

### **St Ambrose Barlow PTA**

A reminder that Film club is taking place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – please ensure all envelopes are returned by **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. A reminder also that tickets for the Christmas raffle are £1 a strip and can be bought from the class reps below:

Reception      Melissa Brown  
Year One        Cara Burns

Year Two        Emily Aston-McGuinness  
Year Three      Laura Fitzpatrick  
Year Four       Magdalena Szemla  
Year Five        Amy Brady  
Year Six         Jenny McGarry

Prizes are as follows:

- £250 cash
- £100 cash
- £50 cash
- Hospitality tickets for Birmingham City Football club
- Dishoom restaurant vouchers

Tickets can be sold to whoever: friends, family, staff, children, parishioners! If you wish to share ideas, please email our chair, Mrs Currington (Alex from Year Two's mother) at [SAB.PTA@outlook.com](mailto:SAB.PTA@outlook.com)

### **St. Chad's Sanctuary**

St Chad's Sanctuary are in desperate need of hats, gloves, scarves, soap, shaving gel, deodorant, stationary, toothpaste and tooth brushes. If you are able to donate any of the above items, please bring them into school next week and our Mini-Vinnies will collect all items together.

### **Birthdays this week...**

Happy birthday to Rory in Year Five who is ten today! Happy birthday, Rory. Happy birthday also to Edward and Eugene in Year Three who celebrate their eighth birthday on Sunday. Happy birthday to you both as well.

### **December dates for your diary**

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Children to lead reading at Mass

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year One Nativity 2pm

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year Two Nativity 2pm

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 theatre trip 'Nativity Two' @ B'ham Rep

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass of the Immaculate Conception 9:30

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**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Staff and children Christmas dinner

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**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School choir to sing at the Dementia café

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Keyboard and choir concert 2pm – all parents welcome

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Flute concert 9:30am

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** PTA Film Club 3:40pm £2

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Carol Concert 7pm

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass 9:30am

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Break up at 2pm

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Parish Christmas Fayre

### January dates for your diary

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** INSET

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Return to school

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year Three writing workshop

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany 9:30

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year Two Writing workshop

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jan:** PTA Pantomime 2pm

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year One Writing workshop

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year One Class Assembly

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year Four Class Mass

### February dates for your diary

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** Parent Confirmation meeting 6pm Parish hall

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Year Two Class Assembly

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six Confirmation workshop

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Confirmation preparation Mass 10am

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six Confirmation Sponsor workshop 2pm

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Confirmation 7pm

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Five Class Mass

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Break up at 3:30

Have a wonderful weekend and I will see you all on Monday. Children in KS2 – I read Fr Paul's wonderful comment about your singing in the parish bulletin last weekend. Continue to learn those words off by heart this weekend, please. We have a lot of practices coming up next week!



Mr Clinton