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Dear Parents,



A wonderful week with KS1 performing their nativities on Monday and Tuesday. They were superstars- so much singing and some superb dancing too! They fully earned their theatre trip on Thursday! We have one week left in school and it is a busy one: the Key Stage Two Carol Service, our KS2 trip, our Christmas parties, and our Christmas Mass on Friday before we break up at 2pm.

Golden Book

Reception: Ailbe McGillicuddy for always having such an amazing attitude about everything he does. Ailbe comes in every morning with a big smile on his face and goes out of his way to say good morning to everybody. He tries so hard with all of his work and makes sure that he is always doing the right thing. Keep up the hard work, Ailbe!

Year One: Mia Berwick for always getting on with her work quietly while trying her best to present it neatly. Miss Newman was super impressed with her behaviour on the theatre trip and with her science work about mammals. Well done, Mia!

Year Two: Ilana Yassar is a perfect example of what we want from a pupil at St Ambrose Barlow. Ilana always tries her best in everything she does: she listens carefully to all instructions given and is really helpful around the classroom. We are especially proud of Ilana this week for her phenomenal performance in our Nativity this week. Keep up the excellent work, Ilana - you really are a superstar!

Year Three: Elena Earp for impressing her teachers with her ever-improving times table knowledge. She has been really practising counting in 3s and 4s which has helped her during our Maths lessons. She has also been giving 100% effort with practising our songs for the KS2 Christmas Carol Service.

Year Four: Abhi Joy Mattapudi for his excellent behaviour this week and fantastic independent Maths work on fractions. Fantastic work! It is such a pleasure to reward his hard work!

Year Five: This week is Abel Smith's chance to shine. He is so caring, compassionate and considerate towards his fellow friends in class. If there is ever an example needed to

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we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

show others how to behave, Abel is the prime choice. He is always bubbly and bright, never seems to moan or complain and is just a brilliant member of the class. Abel has a heart made of pure gold. Be more Abel!

Year Six: Ava Mary has worked tirelessly this Autumn Term in her role as Head Girl. She has embraced the role with a smile and an abundance of energy and enthusiasm. She is a blessing to the cohort with her helpful attitude and willingness to get stuck in and help whenever she can. Thank you, Ava Mary.

Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word is being sent out this week as a booklet containing the next four Gospels.

Carol Service

The children of Key Stage Two will perform their Carol Service on Tuesday evening at 7pm at the parish church. All children will need to wear their shirt and tie please. Ideally, the staff will need children to arrive by 6:30pm but I need to check if the parish hall is useable; if not, I will source a Plan B pronto!

KS1 Nativities

Thank you to who came to celebrate our children performing – the singing, acting and dancing were superb. Thanks for all your donations towards our Advent toilet twinning charity too. We have raised over £300 so far.

Advent Charities

One final push for this! Our next drop-off for St Chad's will be at the end of next week. I honestly have been overwhelmed by your generosity so far, as have the selection of Mini-Vinnies who spent most of Friday lunchtime packing up the boot of my car.

Christmas parties

Was I going bananas last week when I said they would take place on Wednesday afternoon? They will instead take place this coming Thursday. My apologies for the confusion.

16.12.24	Soap
17.12.24	Shower gel
18.12.24	Warm woolly hats
19.12.24	Tins of Tuna
20.12.24	Pasta

KS2 Theatre trip – late return!

This takes place on Wednesday. The production starts at 13:30 so children will leave school at 12:45 after an early lunch. It is likely to finish at 15:50 which means a late return to school. **Please pick up any KS2 children at 16:30** - for ease, KS1 siblings can attend our after-school club until this time if necessary.

Finance

We are moving to our new platform My Child at School in the new calendar year. Therefore, please ensure any outstanding amounts -trips, school dinners, wraparound care- is paid via School Money by the time the children return to school in January.

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Francis in Year Three who was eight on Monday.

Happy birthday to Jude in Reception who

was five on Wednesday. Tomorrow, Joel in Reception is five and, on Sunday, Ella in Reception is five! Growing up quickly!



December dates for your diary

Tues 17th Dec: KS2 Carol service 7pm

Wed 18th Dec: KS2 @ *Beauty and the Beast* – return at 4:30pm

Fri 20th Dec: Whole School Mass 9:30; children break up at 2pm (no Kidzone club)

January dates for your diary

Mon 6th Jan: School closed INSET

Tues 7th Jan: School re-opens for all children

Wed 8th Jan: Whole School Mass dedicated to memory of Noah Edwards 9:30am

Fri 17th Jan: Year Five Class Mass 2:30pm

Fri 24th Jan: Year Four Class Assembly

February dates for your diary

Thurs 6th Feb: Year Six parents Confirmation meeting 6pm in Church hall

Fri 7th Feb: Year Three Class Assembly 9am

Sat 8th Feb: Year Six children Confirmation workshop

Sun 9th Feb: Year Six to lead 10am Sunday Mass

Fri 14th Feb: Year Six Class Mass; break up for half-term.

Mon 24th Feb: Children return to school

Fri 28th Feb: Sponsor workshop, 2pm; Year Six Confirmation 7pm

March dates for your diary

Sat 1st March: Year Three children at FHC workshop, 10am in Parish hall

Sun 2nd March: Year Three children lead Sunday Mass 10am

Wed 5th March: Whole School Mass for Ash Wednesday, 9:30 at church

Thurs 6th March: World Book Day

Mon 17th March: Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:30

Wed 19th March: Key Stage Two Reconciliation service 1:30pm; Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:30

Fri 21st March: Year One Class Mass 2:30pm

Tues 25th March: Whole School Mass for the Annunciation 9:30am

Wed 26th March: INSPIRE workshop for Year Three children and parents

Fri 28th March: Year Two Class Assembly 9am

Have a lovely weekend. One more week to go!

God bless,

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