

DECEMBER 2022

Holy Child Primary School



Newsletter

Christmas is just upon us and we have a jam packed itinerary of events taking place in the next few weeks!. As a school we have engaged in lots of activities already this half term, so I really do encourage you to regularly check out our website. www.holychildps.co.uk or if you are on social media, we have a Facebook page.

Future Leaders

Congratulations to all our newly elected representatives who were recently presented with their badges at assembly. At Holy Child Primary School, the children's voice is important to us in our decision making. We value the children's opinions and we encourage them to express their thoughts and feelings on what matters to them. We look forward to working with our Head boy, Head girl, deputies and prefects, our student council, eco council and digital leaders in ensuring our school is the best it can be for them.



Head Girl



Head Boy



Deputy Head
Girl



Deputy Head
Boy

Our Prefects



Open Day 9th December

Our Open Day will be taking place on Friday 9th December from 1:15pm to 2:15pm in the nursery and primary school. We encourage you to get the word out there about how fabulous our school is and encourage friends and family of children who are due to start Nursery or Primary School to come along and see for themselves what Holy Child can offer.



Christmas Movie and Munchies night


Christmas movie night will take place on Monday 19th December in the hall 5:00pm - 7pm. Children from P1 - P7 will come to school in their PJ's, watch a Christmas movie, have dinner (Four Star Pizza) and snacks (popcorn and drinks) in the hall. Tickets cost £5 per child, £8 per family.

Nativity Plays:

Thankfully this year we can once again host our Christmas Nativities. Each class will take part in a nativity on the following days

- P1 and P2 - 12th December in St Mary's Chapel
- P3 and P4 - 14th December in St Mary's Chapel
- P5, 6 and 7 15th December in school
- Nursery 13th December in St Mary's Chapel





Christmas Cracker morning: Shopping morning for parents

You asked and we delivered! Through feedback from our Friends of Holy Child PTA, parents have asked for a few hours on a Saturday morning to get some Christmas shopping. Well, your wish has been granted!

- On the 3rd December 10am - 2pm all pupils - Nursery - P7 are invited into school for a fun Christmas morning.
- Children will take part in Christmas crafts, Christmas play, make Christmas cookies, watch Parky the Magician perform and get a hot dog. £5 per child. Tickets must be bought prior to Saturday the 3rd December

Limited tickets available - so be quick!



Reverse Advent Calendar

Beginning 21th November the children will be asked to bring in tinned or packet food for Foyle Foodbank. As ever, thank you so much for all the support our families give to Foyle Foodbank each year.

Christmas Jumper day

Christmas jumper day is the 8th December. Children are invited to come into school that day in a Christmas Jumper. This is optional.

This is also the day children will have Christmas dinner in the canteen.



Christmas Cuts

We are very aware that the cost of living is having an impact on all families. Coming to Christmas, families traditionally get their hair cut. Thanks to a number of our parents and friends of Holy Child, they are willing to give up a few hours on Sunday 11th December, to cut families hairs for a significantly reduced cost, while at the same time raising funds for the school. The Creggan Barbers will open from 11am - 3pm on Sunday 11th December with two hairdressers and two barbers for children / families to get their hair cut for half price, £5 per cut. Whatever is made that day will be split between the school and the barbers/hairdressers.



Christmas Big Bedtime Read / Supper with Santa



Christmas Big Bedtime Read for all children, nursery to P7, will take place on Wednesday 14th December from 5pm - 6:30pm. Children are invited to come to school in Pjs, listen to Mrs Claus read stories and sing Christmas songs, enjoy Christmas crafts and have supper with Santa. This is always such a lovely evening for our children, so we would encourage as many of our pupils as possible to attend.

Breakfast with Santa:

Parents are warmly welcomed to attend our Breakfast with Santa event on 20th December for Nursery, P6 and P7 parents. P1 - P5 pupils and parents will be invited to attend on the 21st December. Specific times for each class will be sent out with your child closer to the time.

Christmas Raffle

Do you own or work for a local business? Our Christmas Raffle is always a big success, with the children getting involved and picking out the winning tickets. This year we want to again showcase the fantastic businesses we have in our city and to help encourage teachers, parents and pupils to shop local. If you are able to donate a prize please contact Stacey at our school office.

Christmas raffle cards will be sent out to all families soon.

Christmas presents for the elderly in our community



Every year all staff at Holy Child Primary are touched by the kind words in the cards the children write to the staff. We know some people want to show their appreciation to staff by purchasing a gift, however, as we have done for the past few years, we would ask families not to purchase gifts for staff but instead if they wish, to purchase a small gift for the elderly in our community. Pj's, slippers, socks, The gifts can be left under the Christmas tree in the foyer and then the children will deliver the gifts to local care homes before we finish for the Christmas holidays. The elderly and the children get so much out of the children's visit and it will be even more special this year, as once again we are able to perform our nativity play for the care home groups.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner in the canteen will take place on Thursday 8th December.