



St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

'Be The Best You Can'

6th December 2019

Hello all and welcome to your weekly St Ethelwold's newsletter.

Christmas preparations continue at full pace here in school with daily rehearsals happening for the nativity. The pupils are learning their readings and the songs and we look forward to seeing you in church at 2pm on Thursday 12th. If your child brings a reading home, it would be really helpful if you practised it with them and encouraged them to use a loud and clear voice.

As I write this newsletter, the fundraising committee are here finalising preparations for the Christmas Fair. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes for a number of months organising the various stalls, contacting local businesses for prizes and preparing the hall and grotto. Many sincere thanks to anyone who has helped out, either at meetings or on the ground – we really appreciate your efforts.

Christmas lunch for our pupils is scheduled for next Wednesday 11th December. Having sampled several of Mrs Murray's festive feasts over the years I can personally vouch for the fact that our pupils are in for a treat. You should have received a letter from school which we ask you to return to school by Monday 9th December – if you did not get a letter, contact Mrs Duggan in the office and she will be happy to help.

You are all warmly invited to attend our Family Christmas Bingo at 6pm on Wednesday 11th December. This has been a popular event in the past with some excellent prizes on offer and this year is no exception. We will be serving warm mince pies, tea, coffee and cold drinks and you can play for as little as £1 and up to a maximum of £5 per person.

Many thanks this week to Mrs Singer and Miss Knight who both stood in at very short notice to cover for absent colleagues. These are the kind of things that often go unnoticed in schools but without which, school would struggle to operate on a daily basis so heartfelt thanks for stepping in.

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Mr Oliver

Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

11th December– Christmas Lunch

11th December– Christmas Bingo

12th December– 2pm Christmas Nativity at St Ethelwold's Church

17th December– Delivery of Cards and Gifts to the local community

18th December– Junior Christmas party

19th December– Foundation Phase Christmas Party

20th December– 3.15pm School closes for Christmas holidays

6th January– School closed– INSET day

7th January– School reopens

Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 2 with 94.6%. Whole school attendance is 90.6%.

Prayer/ Gweddi

Lord God,
only you can see into my heart and know
that under all the busy-ness of my life,
there is a deep longing
to make this Advent one that welcomes you
more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love
and my mind searches for your Light
in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent
and to give special love to those
who disagree with me.

Give me the strength and courage
to forgive those who have hurt me.
Help me to free my heart
from the prison of my anger and hurt.