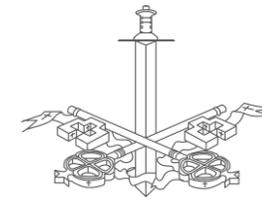


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## NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 22nd DECEMBER 2016

### Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, here we are, at the end of what has been a very busy and productive term; and how swiftly it has flown by. It has been wonderful getting to know you and humbling to hear so many positive comments about the school and our achievements. Indeed this is a school with a strong sense of family, church and community where children learn, laugh and succeed. Thanks to all our staff, volunteers, PTA and governors for their tireless work centred on the children and to you parents for the hard work and support you continue to give to school. Have a wonderful, peaceful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Remember we return to school on Tuesday 10th January 2017.



### Mass Times- Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church

**Christmas Eve:** 5:30pm Vigil and Children’s Mass  
7:30pm Carol Service  
8:00pm Night Mass

**Christmas Day:** 10:30am Mass of Christmas Day

Everyone is welcome, please come and join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus this Christmas.



### Bishop Mark’s Visitation

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark last week when he came to visit our school. He led an assembly where the children were able to ask him some questions about what life is like as a Bishop. He was thrilled to meet all of our children and to hear about the many opportunities the children are given at our school. We are very grateful to Bishop Mark for finding the time to come and see us.

### Preparing for Christmas

The children have been so well supported in their preparation for Christmas. The weekly advent assemblies have been thoughtfully prepared and delivered to engage and encourage children to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and how it applies to them. I am sure those of you who were able to attend would agree that it was a truly moving experience. How easy it is to get lost in the business of shopping, wrapping, cooking, cleaning and parties and miss out on the time spent with our families understanding the true meaning of Christmas. In celebrating Jesus’ birth we learn the message of love, acceptance and peace. The news is so full of the troubles that war brings. Advent is a time that especially reminds us of the need to show humanity to each other.

All of the children thoroughly enjoyed being able to take part in our Prayer Trail at Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church. The children took part in a range of activities as they journeyed through Advent.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Cafod ‘World Gifts’ appeal and for sponsoring the feeding of a baby in Sudan. We raised an impressive £510.46

### Attendance

We are having a big drive on improving attendance and punctuality at SSPP. The governors set us a target of 96.5% this year and I am pleased to say that we are currently at 96%. In January 2017, you will receive your child’s attendance certificates for the autumn term.

Excellent attendance and punctuality is the key to children’s success and achievements. Thank you for all your support with this.



### KS1 Nativity

Congratulations to all of the infant children for their wonderful performance in ‘This Way To Bethlehem’. They worked very hard to share this special story with us. You are all superstars.

### Term Dates

*Term dates for the remainder of this academic year are on the reverse of this newsletter.*

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### Sports activities

The children have represented the school this term in a variety of sports events as part of a cluster of schools in Wallasey including:

- Y1/2 football at Liscard Primary.
- Y3/4 Hi 5 Netball at Liscard Primary
- Y5/6 Street dance at Mount Primary
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These were all very exciting events and we are extremely proud of all of the children who took part

We hosted a fantastic Gymnastics festival at New Brighton Gym Club this term and 12 children from the Infants took part.- well done to all those gymnasts!

We have also been running extra- curricular clubs this term which have been very well attended. The Tennis Club for Y3/4 was very successful with coaches from Thorndale and Bidston Tennis Centre coming in to coach the pupils. Mr Roberts and Mrs Harvey have been running a gym and dance club which has proved to be very popular with lots of talented dancers!

### **Cross Country Event**

This year has been our most successful year ever in cross country with pupils bringing home a number of medals! Well done to everyone who ran!

### **Athletics –**

Some of our pupils are working towards selection for a Regional Athletics Competition with Sportshall next year and we are very excited about this opportunity. Any pupils who are interested in athletics should speak to Mr Gill

### Little Acorns

Hi Everyone,

We have had a lovely term in Little Acorns; all the children are settled and enjoying nursery and preschool activities. We had a successful and nativity. It was so lovely to see everyone enjoying the show. We look forward to a fantastic 2017 and thank you all for your continued support. We would like to say a special thank you and goodbye to Claire who has supported us so well over the past year. We will miss Claire and wish her the very best in her new job.

Trish & The Little Acorns Team.



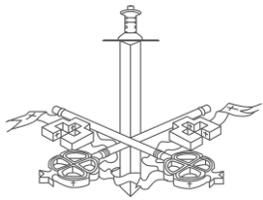
### Car parking

You will have noticed the increased community police presence over the last couple of weeks following the recent incident I wrote to you about. Unfortunately, there continues to be some inconsiderate behaviour. We ask you not to drive into the car park, to avoid blocking driveways and refrain from parking on the yellow zigzag lines. Our sole purpose for these requests is to ensure the safety of your children. We ask you to STOP and to THINK. The community police have already issued warning tickets and will issue fines. Please help us to ensure your children's safety. Please park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting at the end of the day.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

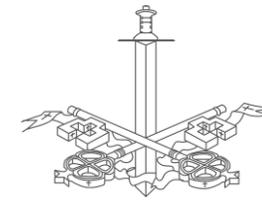
- 16<sup>th</sup> January – Poetry Week
- W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Y3/4 Swimming
- W/C 30<sup>th</sup> January – Y5/6 Swimming

KS2 children sang at St Mary's Carol Service last week and raised an amazing £250 to go towards the Christmas dinner for those who would have been alone on Christmas Day. Thanks to you children, parents and families for your generosity.



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## Out of School Club



Out Of School Club has been busy this half term. We made biscuits for Remembrance Sunday. During Advent we have been very crafty!! We have made personalised bags, Christmas tree decorations that light up and Christmas wreaths and cards. We really enjoyed our Christmas preparations. We have had movie nights, watching our favourite Christmas films and lots of special treats, (as well as our usual healthy snacks).

We look forward to 2017, new activities, new toys and equipment.

## To all our volunteers

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers at SSPP who give generously of their time to support our children with their learning.

A very peaceful and happy Christmas to you all



## PTA Updates

Thank you for the fantastic support of our events this term. It has been quite a busy one however; it has also been very successful.

We started with a coffee morning and met a few new parents wanting to join the PTA team. We were slightly unprepared as to just how many children would come along to Movie Night and we doubled the number of tickets to cater for the interest. We certainly hope to have another Movie Night next term! Next were the Christmas events with the Christmas Shop for the children- we have had many positive comments about this and I hope you like your gifts. Christmas Bingo was great fun, thank you Mr Meadows for your efforts. The Saturday Christmas Crafts which was a lovely festive session. A small but vocal crowd met to hear the premiere of the Parents Pop Up Choir and joined in the fun singing along with a few carols whilst sipping mulled wine.

The PTA feel that their job is not simply to raise funds for the school but also to create memories for our children. So it is with great pleasure that I can announce that this term alone we have raised £1800. This money will go into the Hall Refurbishment fund which is now beginning to look very healthy.

Merry Christmas and thank you to all – see you in the New Year with some more fun events and the launch of our Second Hand Uniform shop.



*Having a festive time at the Pop Up Choir evening!*



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