



St. Monica's Primary School

Newsletter 1st December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, and marks the beginning of our time of preparation for Christmas, and the coming of Jesus. Today in assembly we have listened to the Gospel of Mark tell us to be ready and alert - the children thought about how we can be ready, by thinking about others, by being kind, by listening and showing awareness of others feelings.

This time of year is such a special one in school, and we began the new month with our beautiful annual Christingle service in church. The atmosphere through the service was uplifting and reflective. The church was filled with the joyous voices of the whole school and some of our nursery children who joined us for the first time. I would like to thank all of those who came to walk with classes and join us for our service, our readers and Christingle holders and Canon Browne. This service really marks the start of a wondrous month - of hope, peace, joy and love.

Further thanks must be given to Mrs Tirebuck, a grandparent of some of our pupils, who came to work with a small group of Year 6s to create our school Advent Wreath. It is beautiful, and such an important part of our celebrations of the word this month.

In the busyness of the month that is to come, I hope that you find moments of peace, calm and joy.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Pearson



Photo courtesy of Mill City Church

Advent Giving Tree - St Joseph's Family Centre, Warrington

**ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE
CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023**

St Joseph's Family Centre

As Christmas approaches, we are reminded of the importance of family and community.

This year, St Joseph's are asking for your support in raising money to provide families with vouchers to put food on the table, purchase gifts for their children and help create cherished memories. Everyone deserves to feel the warmth and kindness that Christmas can bring. Your help and support can make that a reality.

Suggested Donations

You can donate online <https://calldonate.cafonline.org/24366> or by scanning the QR code

You can also donate food items to help fill our Christmas hampers.

Chocolate Treats	Gravy	Tea	Cereal
Cooking Sauces	Tinned Fish	Tinned Fruit	
Christmas Puddings	Mince Pies	Stuffing	
Biscuits	Tinned Potatoes	Crackers	Custard
Rice Pudding	Tinned Meat	Jam	

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

St Joseph's Family Centre, 9 Museum Street, Warrington WA1 1JA
Registered Charity No. 1180172. Tel: 01925 635448 Email: contact@sjfc.org.uk

Just as we did last year, during Advent we would like to reach out to our Warrington community and think of others who may not be in the financial position to have full tables at Christmas. We would invite you to join us in donating something from the provided list to go to St Joseph's Family Centre for their Christmas Hamper appeal. Please drop items into school and we will put them under our school tree until we take them over to the centre the week that we break up.

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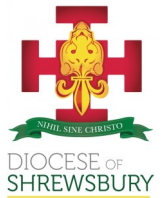


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Mini Police Attestations at Warrington Police Station - Wednesday 29th

I was so proud of our 10 mini police officers who had a special attestation ceremony at Warrington Police Station on Wednesday. They looked extremely smart in their uniforms, which was a good thing as the first part of their ceremony was a uniform inspection and saluting the inspector! After that they all read a special promise:

"I promise to always do my best to represent my school, Cheshire Police and my Community in my role as a Mini Police Officer."

The children were given their certificates, and then presented with their caps by PC Panda, a fun and proud moment for everyone.

Now that the children have been sworn in, the real work will begin, and our Mini Police officers will be working together with the Senior Leadership Team and our PCSOs to identify issues in the community that they want to make a difference with. As this is a new scheme for us, we look forward to seeing how this progresses and the work we can do to support our community. For the rest of this term, we will be working on things within school and getting used to being a team, and then our first project will be after Christmas.



Important Dates for Diaries

Monday 4th December	FOSM PJ Day in exchange for a bottle
Friday 8th December	FOSM Christmas Fayre at school 15:30-17:30
Tuesday 12th December	Infant Nativity at Church 17:00 (Please note that this is an amended time)
Wednesday 13th December	KS2 Strings Concert in the Hall 09:30
Wednesday 13th December	KS2 Drama Club Panto in the Hall 18:00
Thursday 14th December	School Christmas Dinner—please order in advance
Thursday 14th December	KS2 Carol Concert in the Hall 18:00
Monday 18th December	KS1 Christmas Party after lunch in the Hall
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Party after lunch in the Hall
Tuesday 19th December	School closes for Christmas at 15:30

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FOSM—st Monica's Christmas Fayre Raffle tickets

- Purchase a ticket or a book of tickets. **Payment via Parentpay please.** A ticket is £1:00. Book of 5 x tickets is £5.00.
- Add your details to the ticket/book (if a book details to be added to each ticket).

Return the ticket(s) to school in an envelope, with your child's name and year on.

Please return all tickets to the school by the end of the day on THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2023. Please also return any unsold tickets too.

If anybody would like to purchase more tickets, please speak with your class Rep who can provide you with some more.

Here is an idea of some of the generous prizes so far ...

Alpaca walking
Skip from ADS
Fresh meat hamper
£25 voucher from Grill on The Square
Voucher from Chill Factor
Choy Hing voucher banquet for 2

Thank you again for all your support. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas Fayre.



THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
WACKY HAIR DAY
IN EXCHANGE FOR
CHOCOLATE

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER
PJ DAY
IN EXCHANGE FOR A
BOTTLE

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
IN EXCHANGE FOR
CAKES



Fill & decorate a jar



all will be available to buy at the Christmas fayre for £1



COMPETITION TIME

- Find a jar with a lid
- Decorate the jar however you like
- Fill with sweets, stickers or small toys etc....
- Bring into school by Tuesday 5th December
- A Winning jar will be picked on Thursday 7th December
- more than 1 entry allowed

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