



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## *Happy Christmas from all the staff and pupils at St Patrick's*

We come to the end of another term and the end of our school Christmas preparations. The children and staff have spent the season of advent preparing for the re birth of Jesus in our lives. We have thought about how we can prepare ourselves by thinking of others more and by growing in our love of God and each other.

Many thanks from all the staff for your beautiful cards, Christmas wishes and prayers and generous offerings to our Advent Charities.



Mini Vinnies Carol Singing



Key Stage 1  
Nativity play

See the school website for lots of pictures of our Christmas and Autumn Term events.

Thank you for all your support throughout Advent. We had so many beautiful reflections and pictures returned from the Travelling Crib. You supported our Nativity Play and Carol concert so well and the children and staff were delighted to see so many of you there.

**We have managed to support 7 charities this Advent through our class / staff charity fundraising. We will give you the final totals for each charity on the next newsletter. We also collected 6 large boxes of food and gifts to donate to Catholic Care and the SVP for their Christmas boxes.**

**Thankyou for your generous support!**



## *Holiday Challenge!*

We will have a display in the school entrance on the theme of Thankfulness when we return after the holidays.

Please could children and their families take a picture, write a short paragraph or prayer, collect objects ...however you think would be best to show that we are grateful, thankful, appreciative of all the ways we are blessed. Please try to think of all the everyday things we forget to say thankyou to God for eg frost, birds, food beautiful sunset.... Rather than Christmas presents / toys.

If you have taken a photo and you need school to print it for the display you can email it to:

[schooloffice@stpatrickleeds.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stpatrickleeds.org.uk)

**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**  
**IN THE FIRST WEEK BACK IN JANUARY 2018**

**Dates for your Diary:**

7<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens after Christmas holidays

10<sup>th</sup> January – Confirmation Mass at St Patrick's church at 7pm

16<sup>th</sup> January – Maths Problem Solving Day

18<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 Class assembly at 2.40pm

28<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Robinwood residential

**Applications for Reception Class September 2018**

**The closing date is Friday 11th January.**

We are always oversubscribed and it is essential that if your child has been baptised you enclose a Baptism certificate.

**Christmas Mass Times at St Patrick's Church**

Christmas Eve ~ 4pm (Children's Mass) and 8pm  
Christmas Day ~ 10am

Dear Jesus,

As Christmas draws closer, help us to remember anyone  
who is sick or lonely at this time of year,

The homeless and sad, those who are hungry or at war.

May the peace and joy of Christmas

Reach out and touch their lives. Amen.

**First Confession Preparation 2019**

Children in Year 3 will be sent a letter to invite them to join the Preparation Classes when we return after the holidays in January.

If your child is in Years 4, 5 and 6 and you would like a letter please let the school office know.

**FOSP Christmas Magic Show / Film Nights / Secret Santas**

Many thanks to the parents who helped on the night! Your support is greatly appreciated! The children had a wonderful evening.

Thankyou to the parents who wrapped presents and helped with our preparations for the Christmas parties.