



# Newsletter



Friday 20th December 2019

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

We have come to the end of a very busy term. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the staff for working so hard to give the children such exceptional experiences. Children you are all wonderful and make me so proud each day! It has been an absolute pleasure this last term to begin to get to know you all. Thank you to all our parents and families – again it has been a privilege to get to know you all.

On behalf of all of the staff and governors at Our Lady's we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank you for your support over the last term and look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## Carol Concert

Last night it was lovely to come together as a school community at Princethorpe Chapel as KS2 led a beautiful Carol Concert. The children read confidently and showcased their musical talents of both singing and playing instruments. Thank you to all the staff that have worked so hard preparing the children especially: Ms Commins, Miss Haley, Ms Evans, Mrs Glenn, Mrs Vincent-Poole and Mrs Manning.



## School Menus

Payment for meals for next half term will be £65.25. The weekly amount remains at £11.25. Payment is accepted by cash or cheque payable to Warwickshire County Council (please do not shorten this to WCC as the bank will not accept your cheque). If you usually pay for the whole half term and your child has credits owing for this half term you will be advised by email of the amended figure on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## PTA

I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to the PTA for their hard work this term. Just over £2000 has been raised from the Christmas Fayre, raffle tickets and disco. This is absolutely amazing and will make such a difference to the children. Thank you to anyone who has contributed in any way – we really do appreciate it! ☺

## Clubs in New Year

French club will restart Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Basketball on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January and Irish Dancing on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

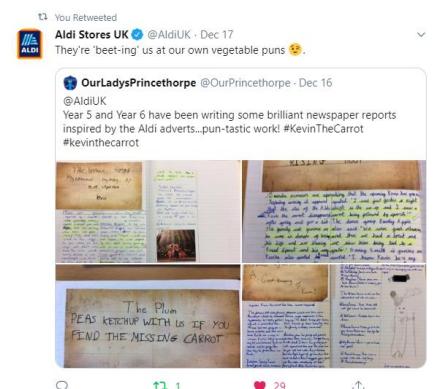
## Before and After School Club Toy Donations

Over the Christmas period if you are having a sort out of old toys and games that are in good condition we are asking for donations please for the children that use are Before and After School club. The school have purchased the existing toys from the club and will be investing in new resources also.

## Christmas Mass times at St Anne's and Princethorpe.

Father Teddy would love to see as many families as possible at Mass over the Christmas period. Here are the times of Mass. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Princethorpe Chapel) 5.00pm Family Mass, 10.00pm First Mass of Christmas. There will be no midnight Mass. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December (St Anne's, Wappenbury) 9.00am and 10.30am.

**Twitter** For up to date information and sharing what we are up to keep an eye on our Twitter feed @OurPrincethorpe.



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## Message from Bishop Kenney

Dear Friends,

As I travel through my area at this time of year, cribs are being erected in town centres and in villages across the region. We might wonder why this matters. The reason is, of course, that we all want to remind ourselves of why we celebrate Christmas. We celebrate that God became one of us, a human being like you and me.

We need to reflect on how important it is that we are the people we are. We need to have the self-confidence to realise that there is nobody the same as the person I am, nor will there ever be someone quite like me. Before we become too proud, we need to realise that everybody else has the same gift of their own uniqueness. I have been given by God all of the gifts that I need in order to be the person He wishes me to be. We see this reflected in the figures in the crib. Like them we need to be proud of being ourselves.

Cribs often have all sorts of figures in them not just the ones we read about in the Gospels, but figures which reflect our local lives and history. The crib is a reflection not just of our belief but also of our own reality, our own lives and homes. All too often we take our own local reality for granted. We need to see that that is also part of the gift that God has given us, it the place where he wants us to be the people he created us to be.

Kneel or sit in front of the crib in Church or at home and ask yourself which person do I identify with. It is possible to do this whether one is a child or adult. Why do I really like that person or figure? Why do I want to be him or her? When I answer that question I will have another piece of the jigsaw puzzle that is my life. A very important part, as I will know something of what God wants me to be.

I hope that everybody has a very holy and happy Christmas.

God bless

(Rt. Rev.) William Kenney, C.P.

Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham.

## Attendance and Punctuality Total attendance for week for whole school: 93%

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94%	99% ☺	85%	96%	92%	93%	94%

## Next Week at a Glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 6th Jan	9am 3.15-4.15pm	School Closed – Teacher training Day
Tues 7th Jan	9am	Assembly
Wed 8th Jan	PM 2.00pm 3.15-4.15pm	Reception & Y3/4 PE lesson Basketball
Thurs 9th Jan	Am PM	Years 3- 6 P.E lesson
Fri 10th Jan	9am	Assembly NO Irish Dancing

### 'The God Who Speaks'

#### The Year of the Word

*"And the word became  
flesh and dwelt among us"*  
John 1.14

### Our Mission of the Week:

*'The blind see again, the  
lame walk, the deaf  
hear...and the dead are  
raised to life.'* Matthew  
11: 2-11

Wishing you all a lovely  
Christmas!

Mrs R Batson  
Headteacher



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