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# HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES AND SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Father Pat has asked us to pass on his warm invitation to join him and the Parish community at this very special time of the year.



### POSTPONED 'ADVENT FAMILY MASS'

The snow on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December unfortunately forced us to postpone this event. We will now be holding a joint 'End of Term' & 'Family Mass' on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, during which children will be able to bring the gifts they have wrapped and labelled (ie: BOY 10 or Girl 4 etc.), up to the Altar. All the gifts will be given to Catholic Care and distributed to needy children across the city. We recognise this event will be more difficult for parents to attend, but we were unable to arrange an alternative that suited both Fr Pat and ourselves. Please come along if you can.

### KS1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

We hope you enjoyed the performances last week. A big thank you to Mrs Lumley, Mrs Kilcoyne and all the support staff who put it together. Thank you for donating **£216.82** towards the CAFOD 'Mother & Baby Kits' virtual gift. The staff have also donated money to the same charity in lieu of sending each other Christmas cards, and the total amount collected will allow us to order 12 packs. Thank you very much!!



### TRAVELLING CRIBS

We hope you have enjoyed a visit from one of our **Travelling Cribs** at some point in the last few weeks. Thank you for only keeping them for one night and for returning them the next day.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION (Y3)** The Introductory Meetings have now been held. The next occasion will be the Enrolment - scheduled to take place at each of the Masses over the weekend January 10/11<sup>th</sup> at which the Gold Books will be presented.

### PARTY TIME

Children in KS2 had their Party yesterday afternoon. Children in KS1 & Reception are enjoying a pantomime trip on Wednesday morning and then they are having their party in the afternoon. Perhaps a special visitor will pop in??!!

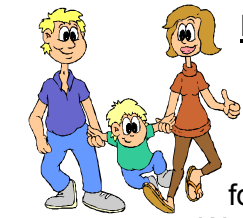
### WEDNESDAY WORD

We hope you have enjoyed reading the Wednesday Word each week this term. This publication is there to support you in teaching your children about our Faith. Even if it is only left lying around in the lounge or pinned to the fridge each week it is still a great way of keeping everyone informed! Check out the new website [www.yfaith.co.uk](http://www.yfaith.co.uk) supported by the Catholic Church, specifically designed for children in KS2 and older.

### **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT REQUIRED**

**Scale A1 (£6.17 - £6.57 per hour). 6 ¼ hrs per week Required from January 5<sup>th</sup> 2009**

We are looking for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our lunchtime staff team. Your role will include keeping the children healthy and safe by ensuring standards for healthy eating and table manners are maintained as well as dealing with minor accidents. You will also help the children have a happy lunchtime by leading the children in games and activities as well as dealing with inappropriate behaviour. We need someone active, positive and playful to help the children make the most of their playtimes. Experience of working with children would be helpful but training will be provided to the successful applicant. **Please contact Mr Brennan**



### **DIOCESAN PARENTING PROGRAMME**

The Family Life Ministry (FLM) team at the Diocese of Leeds are running an 8 week course for parents who feel they would like to learn more about how to improve their parenting skills and family relationships. The

5 – 15 Parenting Programme is an internationally recognised scheme which has been found to have a life changing influence on the family lives of participants. The course starts

on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009

(7 - 9pm)..... It is free to anyone interested. (Except for a small voluntary donation towards the cost of the training materials). **For more information please contact: Anne Ruane: Tel. 0113 2618050**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE**

As was the case last year, we will be recycling our tree in an unusual way..... Mr Batty will strip the tree of all the branches and then use the main trunk timber to make a Cross. This will be used during Lent in 2009 as a centre piece for our prayers and assemblies. By doing this, we hope to make a clearer link for the children between the birth of Jesus and His death and Resurrection

### **TOWN HALL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The 8 children who represented the Choir at the Town Hall Christmas Concert had a great time. They were joined by hundreds of other pupils from across the city as well as the Leeds Youth Band and a very large and distinguished audience! Well Done!



### **ACTIVEMARK 2008**

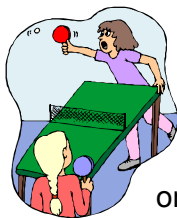
We are very proud to have received the Activemark kite award for the third year running in recognition of the work we do in our school to ensure that children have lots of opportunities to take part in sport and physical exercise.

### **INDOOR ATHLETICS**

The next round of the athletics tournament is on 15<sup>th</sup> January at Roundhay School. We wish the squad lots of luck!!

### **SPORT AEROBICS**

Next term there will be an opportunity for children to take part in these 'non-sport specific' exercise sessions every **Friday** at Ralph Thoresby High School from 4pm to 5pm. There will be a **£1** charge for these sessions, which will be provided by the Extended Services Cluster for this area.



### **TABLE TENNIS**

We have managed to arrange for some professional coaching to take place at Holy Name next term. Sessions will take place every **Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm** (Starting 13<sup>th</sup> January).

They will be **free**, as they are provided through the Cardinal Heenan Sports Partnership.

There are limited places available (12) so initially this opportunity will be open to Year 4 and 5 only. If more people apply than the limit we will probably need to conduct a draw or run two 6 week courses over the Spring term. Details immediately after Christmas.

### **GREG MULLHOLLAND & LIDIA LESIAK!!**

Congratulations to Lidia Lesiak (Year 6), who won a competition organised by our local MP, Mr Mullholland, to design a Christmas card for him to send to his constituents this year. Lidia's design will be sent to over 40,000 local households and she was presented with a very nice prize and special certificate just before Mass on Friday last week.



Most of the Y6 children entered the competition and they all received a certificate in recognition of their efforts. The school received an ASDA voucher for £25, which we used to help pay for the KS2 Christmas Party. Thank you to the PTA for also helping with the cost of this.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Children from our school ran in the race at Nunroyd Park in Guiseley on Saturday. Mr Duffy and Mrs Burton were very pleased with the commitment and determination shown by these children in cold and quite difficult conditions. You are all stars! The children will be involved in another event in January.



## **NEW COATS AVAILABLE... BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!**

We have managed to find a supplier for some good quality 'rain-proof' (reversible) coats with fleece linings. Several parents have asked us for these in the past. Zoe and George have volunteered to model them for us. These will be available to order from the school office (£16.50 each) after Christmas. Larger pictures can be viewed on the school website through the PARENTS page.



## **THANK YOU**

Mr Brennan and all the staff would like to thank all those people who have sent us Christmas cards and very generous gifts. They are very much appreciated!



We close for the Christmas holidays on Friday and the children return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.**

**HAVE A RESTFUL, PEACEFUL AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**