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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

During December we journey into Advent as we begin a new church year: "Slow down; Be ready."

We have continued to use Advent as a time of preparation, and this week we have ensured that we have been preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas time. The lead up to Christmas is always such a busy time, and we, as a school, have fully embraced the festivities and have really tried to bring the joy during this special time of year. However, as much as we are enjoying the hustle and bustle, we also must take time to slow down and reflect upon the beautiful event that is about to happen on Christmas Day.

No WOW certificates or house point results this week

PE Days – New days for Autumn 2

N/A	Thursday	Monday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday Thursday	Friday
Attendance: 95.7% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
91.2%	95.6%	94.6%	96.7%	95.4%	95.3%	95.6%	97.5% 😊
Class Attendance Winner		Year 2E Miss Parry					

Year 6 Confirmation



Congratulations and thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 children last Saturday during their Confirmation, as they committed to becoming adult members of the Catholic Church, in the presence of their families, friends and staff. We hope you all had a wonderful, memorable day!

**"May the Holy Spirit
fill you with Love."**



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Romero Christmas Card

We had a wonderful response to our competition and the decision to choose four winners (for EYFS, KS1, KS2 and KS3) was made very hard by the high standard and creativity of the designs. The theme given to pupils was 'From Coventry with love' to reflect the status of City of Culture in Coventry for 2021/2022. We were not disappointed with the creativity of pupils across the schools, with many drawing inspiration from unique features that make Coventry special.

We are delighted to announce the winners are:

- Lily Albin Saint Patrick (EYFS)
- Erin Wolstenholme Saint Gregory (KS1)
- **Freddy Mahony Sacred Heart (KS2)**
- Emma Dimitrova Cardinal Wiseman (KS3)

Thank you to every pupil who submitted a design. We have displayed the entries in the Reception to Cardinal Wiseman alongside our Christmas tree.

We will be turning the designs into a Christmas Card and sending them far and wide to all the partners in Coventry and beyond, that we work with in Romero. Congratulations to all our winners and we hope that you enjoy your printed Christmas cards that are on their way to you to send to family and friends!

Mrs Quinn, Catholic Senior Executive Leader



Cardinal Wiseman

On Tuesday 30th November and Wednesday 1st December, an Ofsted team visited our partnered Secondary school. The Ofsted team of five Inspectors visited lots of lessons, spoke with pupils, staff, governors and leaders. The Inspectors challenged, probed and questioned all aspects of school life to gather the evidence required to make the judgements. We are unable to share the outcome at this stage due to Quality Assurance that must take place. We are looking forward to sharing the report as soon as it is finalised. We anticipate the report will be released on our return after Christmas and we will circulate to all families so you can see the recent findings by Ofsted. Watch this space! **Mrs Quinn, CSEL/ CEO**

Drodzy Rodzice,

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Bardzo dziękujemy za współpracę, życzymy zdrowych, wesolych Świąt oraz szczęścia w Nowym Roku 2022.

Festive Film Night

Thank you to all the children that were able to stay behind for our festive film night. We had a great response and raised £340. Thank you for your support. The money raised will support our school fund for providing enrichment opportunities over the year.

Nativity Plays

Thank you to all the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their wonderful Nativity plays. They read their lines, performed their dances, and sang all the songs with great enthusiasm. It was lovely to see the children carry on, even if something went wrong and I had a fit of giggles with some of the dance moves. A huge thank you to all the staff for their commitment and going the extra mile to enable us as a school to put on performances of such a high standard!

Here are the links to the Nativity plays over the past week - all on our school YouTube page for you to enjoy from home....

Nursery and Reception:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8sMlnBAOMY>

Year 1 and Year 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJDT18PFpyg>



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Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday 14th December, we will be having our annual Christmas lunch, cooked by our school kitchen. All children in Year R/1/2 will get a free meal. If any children who are not on school dinners would like a meal, there will be a charge of £2.25. All children will be allowed to come in wearing a festive hat, headband, or hair attire for the day. It is still FULL school uniform for the day. All the staff will be eating with the children during lunchtime, and the Senior Leadership Team will be serving over 350 meals! I love a good Christmas Dinner 😊

Outstanding Debts

We would like to remind parents that there are several outstanding debts for such things as music tuition, dinner money and educational visits that must be cleared. If your Arbor balance is in debt, please could we ask that you see to this matter as soon as possible. Thank you.



Reception September 2022

Reminder that applications close on January 15th, 2022, for places to start in Reception in September 2022. To apply click here:

https://emsonline.lea.coventry.sch.uk/CitizenPortal_Live/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_Live%2F

Staffing Changes from January 2022

In January, Mrs Cakebread will be moving to a new school in our Romero Academy on secondment for one term as Vice Principal for 4 days a week. We wish her the best of luck and we will miss her around our school. She will continue in her role as lead SEND and SENCO, so please do not worry. She will work 1 day a week at Sacred Heart on a Wednesday to fulfil her duties within this role.

Mrs Ellis is 30 weeks pregnant and will be leaving us in early February, however, due to current Covid restriction changes she will now not be able to be in class and will become non class based for a number of weeks to protect her and her baby.

Mrs Pearman (Year 1 Teacher) is leaving us next week and we will be replacing her with a new teacher – Miss Reilly

Year 1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2	Year 3	Year 3
Mrs Stanton (no change) 5 days	Miss Reilly (new teacher) 5 days	Miss Parry (no change) – 5 days	Miss Ward (no change) - 3 days (Mon/Tues/Weds) Mrs Cowley (moved from Year 3 – 2 days – Thurs/Fri)	Mr Pinto (new teacher for 2 days (Mon/Tues) Miss Roberts (no change) - 3 days (Weds/Thurs/Fri)	Mrs O'Connor – 5 days She will now become fulltime in this class

Considering this change, I am unfortunately having to alter our staffing a little to ensure that all classes are covered. Parents in the affected year groups have already been notified:



Belgrade Panto – Cancelled 😞

You may have read that unfortunately, the Belgrade Theatre have had to cancel all performances of their Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' until Saturday 18th December. This sadly means that the performance we had booked today has been cancelled 😞 We are so sorry for the disappointment this may have caused. We are just in the process of claiming our refunds and we will contact those who have paid in due course to process your refunds via Arbor.

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Carol Service Wednesday 15th December 6.30pm – Sacred Heart Church



As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we would like to share with you a special Carol Service: “One Night; One Moment” presented by the whole of Key Stage Two (KS2) – Year 3/4/5/6 on Wednesday 15th December 2021. Each child will play a valuable part in the Service in reminding us that all over the world people are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

KS2 have prepared a blend of traditional carols and contemporary songs and the children will also lead the service through reflections and dance. There will be a Power Point presentation to enable you to take part in the service or reflect on the images shown during the songs.

The Service will start at 6:30pm, but we do ask that children arrive no later than 6.10pm in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM (ties and jumpers/cardigans). Please can girls wear grey tights with dresses/skirts or long, plain grey trousers. The children will need to go straight into the parish hall to line up for the procession into church. All children are expected to attend to take part as a community of faith. If your child is unable to attend, please send in a letter direct to me or email me on p.madia@romeromac.com

COVID – I will be asking all parents to wear a face mask into the church and for the service, as rules have now changed. This will also ensure that we keep our community safe. I will be limiting numbers to the Carol Service also, so can I request that only 2 members of your child’s family attend – there will be no tickets for the Service, so we kindly ask for your support in adhering to the number restrictions. We will also be live streaming the event so you can watch it at home. Thank you for your support.

NEXT WEEK

Jingle Jog

Please see below for the day of each year group’s Jingle Bell Jog:

- Monday 13th December – Year 1 and Year 6
- Tuesday 14th December – Years 4 & 5
- Wednesday 15th December – Year 3
- Thursday 16th December – Reception and Year 2

Please send your child into school wearing festive wear and running trainers on their day. They could wear anything from a Christmas jumper to a Santa outfit to glitter in their hair.

Sponsorship money and forms can be sent in anytime between now and the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support
we truly appreciate it!



Achievement Awards

We will be holding our termly achievement awards – remember you will receive an invitation for this. These will take place in the school hall/lodge.

	Monday 13 th December	9:00am 9:00am 9:30am	Years 5/6 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) Reception Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) Nursery Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers)
	Tuesday 14 th December	9:00am	Year 3/4 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers)
	Wednesday 15 th December	9:00am	Year 1/2 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers)

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Coventry HAF

Festive Fun 2021 is live and offers children who are currently eligible for benefits related free school meals, the opportunity to access a whole array of free activities, experiences and cook at home packs, completely free. We wanted to let you know of the wonderful activities to enjoy in your local area. We have a host of activities in your local area, including:

- [A Creative Christmas: 9-16yrs, Stoke Park Youth Centre, Sun 19th – Weds 22nd December](#): A whole host of Christmas craft activities, sports activities, cooking and quizzes. A family session Winter Wonderland will allow children to meet Santa and enjoy refreshments. On December 22nd, there will be an in-house disco, followed by a trip to a local restaurant to enjoy a two course Christmas meal. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your place
- [CVLife: 9-16yrs, Coventry & North Warwickshire Sports Club, Mon 20th – Weds 23rd December & Weds 29th – Thurs 30th December](#): Activities include swimming, where there is an aim to build water confidence through fun water activities, festive arts & crafts, indoor and outdoor sports and performing arts. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your place.
- [Empowr U: 8-14yrs, Aldermoor Life Centre, Sat 18th – Tues 21st December](#) - A chance to participate in a whole host of multi sports, arts, crafts, and festive fun activities. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your place
- [Sky Blues in the Community: 7-14yrs, Alan Higgs Centre, Mon 20th – Thurs 23rd December & Tues 28th – Thurs 30th Dec](#) – Alan Higgs: An array of multi-sport activities, alongside festive arts and crafts and Christmas activities. There will also be a Coventry City Matchday voucher provided for a game over the Christmas period. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your place

If you need to retrieve your HAF code, you can do so by clicking [here](#). To book any of the wonderful activities on offer, or to book one of our Cook @ Home packs, where you will be able to collect a food pack full of a whole range of ingredients, alongside recipe card to allow you to cook several healthy, nutritious meals, then please click the link. [Click here to book now](#)

For more information, please google 'Coventry HAF', or visit www.coventry.gov.uk/haf to search for an activity and follow the booking process. You can also call 08085 834 333 where our Customer Contact Team will register your booking over the telephone. Alternatively, you can visit one of our Family Hubs or Libraries across the city (see <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs> and <https://coventry.gov.uk/aboutcovlibraries> for where these are based), and they will also be able to help you book. Book now to ensure you don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities this Christmas period.

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Learned and Wise		
Sunday 12 th December	10.30am	Third Sunday of Advent - Mass at Sacred Heart
Monday 13 th December	9:00am 9:00am	Years 5/6 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) Nursery/Reception Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers)
Tuesday 14 th December	9:00am Morning Lunchtime	Year 3/4 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) Father Christmas visiting Nursery / Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 Christmas Dinner – all children can wear a festive hat/hair bands etc
Wednesday 15 th December	9:00am 6.30pm	Year 1/2 Achievement Awards (invitations from teachers) Carol Service One Night; One Moment for all children in Year 3/4/5/6 to attend and lead. Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 16 th December	N/A	N/A
Friday 17 th December	3.15pm	Finish for Christmas Holidays (school closes)
Sunday 19 th December	10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass at Sacred Heart

Have you written your Christmas cards?
Have you wrapped presents?
You will be pleased to know I have done neither 😊

Mr P Madia
Executive Principal



We will be breaking up for Christmas on Friday 17th December 2021.

The children will return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

(Tuesday 4th January 2022 is an INSET Teacher Training Day – school is closed).

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TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT SACRED HEART 2021



WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER. 6.30pm School Carol Concert in Church. This is always absolutely amazing and the first one since the Pandemic.

MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER: 6.30pm Penance service with individual confessions. There will be plenty of priests available to hear confessions so no-one will be delayed or rushed. This is our first Penance Service since the Pandemic and a wonderful opportunity to experience the forgiving love of God.

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THERE IS NO NEED TO BOOK FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.

CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER:

3.00pm Children's Carols in the hall. A lovely celebration for the very young children. This is not a Christmas Mass.

4.00pm Mass.

7.00pm Mass starting with Building of the Crib. Music by our wonderful Folk Group. (And this year we're allowed to sing, so sing your hearts out!)

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CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER:

10.30am Christmas Day Family Mass Music by our wonderful Folk Group. (So, sing your hearts out!) (And a special guest will be making an appearance at the end of Mass!!)
(There is no 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 25th December)

Let's make this Christmas a wonder filled occasion as we greet Our Saviour. **The Catholic Church recommends wearing masks in Church.**

God's Blessings,

Fr. Tony.

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