

The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a whirlwind few weeks recently with the diocesan inspection team descending and spending time with us in seeing just how wonderful our school community is. During those two days, your children were shining stars in all aspects of their school day which did not go unnoticed. They were, and are great ambassadors for our school! We expect the report to be with us shortly, and we will publish as soon as we are able.

Advent begins this Sunday 3 December as we begin our preparations for the lead up to Christmas. The Nativity is gaining momentum for next weeks performances from Rec and KS1 whilst KS2 are readying themselves for the performances the following week. We certainly know Christmas is coming! Wishing you all wonderful weekend,



With every blessing

E J Byrne.

The Governors Report to Parents will go out with this newsletter for a review of the last academic year and priorities for this. Please take time to read about the achievements of pupils and also future plans for our pre-school and school in the coming years.

My thanks must go to our governing body for their commitment and support to the school, in their giving of time voluntarily to support the school in providing the experiences for our pupils here.



Parking

We were visited this week by our local PCSO and Police Officer in seeing the difficulties faced in the morning and afternoon peak times. Like many schools locally, the amount of traffic around drop off and pick up times becomes a real safeguard concern for all members of the school community. They will endeavor to make more visits in the coming weeks/months. As always, please take great care.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class	% since September
Rec	93.0
Year 1	95.6
Year 2	92.9
Year 3	97.0
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	93.8
Year 6	96.1
Totals (average)	95.1 ↓

Lots of colds/sickness bugs affecting everyone at the moment, as we only manage 4 out of 7 classes meeting the 95+ national target. The average therefore is down for whole school. Let's hope for a more settled final few weeks before the festivities begin.

We are monitoring attendance closely.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2023	
Sunday 3	Advent begins
Wed 6	The Nativity Rec/KS1 1:30pm
Thurs 7	The Nativity Rec/KS1 1:30pm and 6pm
Wed 13	KS2 Christmas Showcase 1 pm
Thurs 14	KS2 Christmas Showcase 1 pm and 6pm
Tues 19	End of term mass 9:15am (parents welcome)
Thurs 21	Christmas Disco
Friday 22	School closes for Christmas Holiday
January 2024	
Mon 8	School opens
Thurs 11	Y6 Residential Meeting for Parents 3:20pm
February	
12-16	Y6 Residential visit to Stanley Head
Fri 16	Break for half term

IT'S CHRISTMAS!!

Please ensure you book your tickets for the Nativity and KS2 productions on school spider. Your name will be on a list on arrival and you will NOT need a printed ticket. We have now sold all evening tickets for KS2.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Tickets for Santa need to be paid in cash and sent into the office in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked as soon as possible so that Santa's Elves can prepare.