



# Holy Family Catholic Primary School

*To work, to pray, to play  
in the Light of the Lord*



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## CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH *Christ*



### The Epiphany

'Epiphaneia' derives from the verb "to appear" and means "manifestation", "appearance".

The Epiphany, is on January 6. It celebrates when the three wise men followed the Bethlehem star to visit to baby Jesus.

Also we remember when he was baptised by St John the Baptist.

We celebrate our Epiphany Mass at 9:30 am January 6th at Holy Family Church please come join us.

### Admissions:

If you know of anyone considering Holy Family Catholic Primary School for their child, they are warmly invited to contact us to arrange an opportunity to look around our happy school at work. The Governors will admit 30 children aged 4+, in September 2016. Children born on and between **1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012** may be admitted. Parents must complete an online form for Leeds City Council and a SIF form handed to our school Office.

**The closing Date for these applications this year is Friday 15th January 2016**



## Carol Service

Please join us for our annual Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm in Church ~ where our children will be involved in preparing for Christmas through seasonal readings, songs and drama. Thank you to all the governors and parents who are helping to organise the event.

## The Christmas Baubles

Staff and children in Year R & Key Stage 1 began this year's Christmas Story surrounded by toys. The real meaning of Christmas was explained by Timmy and Mr McGann's Baubles. This was another beautiful reminder of the real meaning of Christmas, told to us through music, song and dance. Every child made their own very special contribution ~ thank you everyone!



We would also like to thank everyone who helped in creating the scene such as the children and Mr McGann, it was a brilliant set! Also to the teachers and support staff such as Miss Okrutna, Miss Walsh, Mrs Burrows, Miss Allen, Mrs Merdani, Miss Jones, Mrs Higgins, Mr Biedka and Miss Dodds. Thank you for all your hard work it was a brilliant success!



## Whoops-a-daisy angel

This years nativity production performed by Nursery was 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. The children excelled and put on a brilliant, entertaining performance both in the morning and the afternoon on Wednesday. We have had a lot of parents that have commented on how wonderful their singing was and how well behaved you all were! Well done for such a fantastic performance, we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Also we would like to thank all the teachers who helped put it all together; Mrs Vickers, Mrs Gibbons, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Rees, Mrs Burrows and Miss Okrutna!



## Travelling Crib

Classes are taking turns in bringing home 'Travelling cribs' during the season of Advent. Families are offered a crib, a prayer book and a storybook to take home in preparation for Christmas.



## Choir ~ Carol Singing

This is always a busy time for our singers as they entertain in various parts of our local community. As normal the group visited First Direct to bring some Christmas cheer to the world of banking. The Choir also sang at our local Spinney Residential Home on Monday 14th December. It is always a privilege to share our gifts and talents at this time of the year.

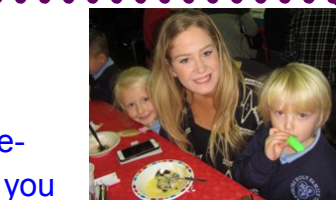




## Christmas Dinner

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas dinner, we have had very good reports from the Dinner ladies that there were a lot of empty plates. Thank you to all who attended! We would also like to give a big thank you to all the

Dinner staff, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Crosthwaite, Mr McGann and all the other staff that helped out to make it all run smoothly! And Santa of course!



## Christmas Mass Times

### St Wilfred's:

- Christmas Eve 4:30pm mass
- Christmas Day 9:00am

### Holy Family:

- 6:30pm for Carols, Mass after
- 10:30am Christmas Day



## Mission Christmas with Radio Aire

This year the Minnie Vinnies have decided to support this wonderful charity to help people closer to home enjoy their Christmas a little more. As Christmas is about giving we have been collecting presents for the children who won't have anything to open on Christmas day. We would like to thank all who bought extra presents as we really do appreciate your support! We would also like to thank the Minnie Vinnies and Mrs Crosthwaite for helping organise it all! On Wednesday Mrs Crosthwaite and the Minnie Vinnies went to Radio Aire to drop off all the amazing gifts we received to Radio Aire, where they were much appreciated. We even got to have a mini tour around the studios and we were on the **Radio!!**



## Cross Country Race

On Saturday 12th, 10 brave and hardy soles took to the fields of Beckett Park to compete in the Leeds School Cross Country League. I think it was the wettest and coldest Saturday morning in my 20 years of the event. Well done to Mason, Callum, Logan, Alfie, Sam, Kacey, Mae, Amelia, Evie-Rae and Francesca who braved the elements to complete the task. A special thanks also to all the wonderful parents who braved the conditions to support the children and Mr Strong for organising and also braving the Chilling Weather!





## Children's University Graduation

On Tuesday 20 children from yrs 4-6 and some Y7s from last year went to a special graduation ceremony where they were presented with bronze awards for the hours they have put into Children's university.

It was a fantastic evening, and the highlight was meeting James Milner!

We hope to have even more children graduating next time, and aiming for silver and Gold awards.

Well done to all our Graduates!



## Minnie Vinnie's Christmas Tree

On the 8th of December The Minnie Vinnies were invited along with other local schools and businesses to St.Barts church to decorate a Christmas Tree for the Christmas event. An idea that they came up with was to create baubles with their own wishes and prayers for people they would like to think about over the Christmas holidays, so every child in the school made a bauble for the Minnie Vinnies to take down and decorate the tree with. You will now be able to see our beautifully decorated tree, if you pay a visit to St.Barts church!



## Christmas Cup!

The participants were all hand picked due to their performances and interest in P.E and Sports. The children represented their house teams over the course of two evenings and one afternoon. The top four of 6 teams progressed to the final day which was today!

Key stage two finalists were St. Nicolas, St Benedict's, St Brigids and St Bedes.

Kay stage one finalists were St. Francis, St. Nicholas, St.Catherines and St.Bedes

Everyone had lots of fun playing a sport they may not have played before, everyone learnt new things and made new friends in different year groups. It was a great success and thank you to all the players and to all who came and supported! A massive thank you to Mr Pinna for the initial idea and all the organising of the cup!



### Parking!

Please can everyone park in an orderly fashion so there is room for everyone to get in and out safely. We are in a school so safety is key! We would like to remind you that if anyone is parked inappropriately we will be putting notes on your car, thank you for your co-operation,

### Christmas Baby!

We would like to congratulate Miss Grewal and her new baby Betsy Jane! She was born on December 14th weighing in at 8lb 3oz. We are happy to hear that mum and baby are both well! **Congratulations!**



From all of us at Holy Family, we wish you a very Holy and Happy Christmas!

See you all next year on the 4th of January!

