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Newsletter

As school life picks up apace and races towards Christmas, the festive season is in full swing at Cardinal Newman. This week, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have both enjoyed pantomime performances of "Jack and the Beanstalk", kindly funded by the Parents' Association. The PA is very generous in its support of the children's activities in school and we look forward to enjoying their next big fundraising event - the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December from 12 – 3pm. Do please come along and support this worthy cause!

On Wednesday, our youngest children started our season of Christmas productions. They performed their very first Christmas play at Cardinal Newman with great confidence and charming narration. There is something very magical about the first nativity and the children sang, spoke and performed brilliantly. It was lovely to hear grandparents reminiscing about their own children's nativity plays – some of them in the very same hall! Next week we look forward to the KS1 and Y4/5/6 Christmas concerts. Can I take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents who have supported the Y4/5/6 concert rehearsals by walking to church with the classes and by collecting the children from the church afterwards. Your support is, as ever, greatly appreciated.

I received a very sad email from a local resident this week which I need to share with you:

I am a resident of Colne Drive and am getting increasingly frustrated that cars are being parked all over our road to do the school pick up as it is convenient.

I pay for my parking permit which is not cheap so that I can get parked on my own road, but cannot get parked as cars are being left here.

I completely understand your lack of power in this situation but could you please at least send out a letter to highlight this to parents to avoid this so we do not have to take further action.

I'm a very very tired paramedic doing shift work and just want to be able to park my car on my own road. Coming back from a 16 hour shift today I've had to sit in my car on my road to wait for parents to get back to their cars and had abuse shouted at me by a father doing the school run which having been exhausted has put me in tears.

I live here and feel I have a right to park on my own road with my permit.

Please support us on this situation as we would be so grateful.

I have replied that I am appalled that any parent would shout abuse at anyone and have apologised profusely on behalf of our school. As a Catholic school, it is important that we behave in a respectful manner to everyone we meet and all adults in our school community need to be role models to our children. The local councils have notified us that they have alerted traffic wardens to patrol the streets surrounding the school more regularly, so please ensure you are parking safely and legally at drop off and pick up times.

Many thanks to Father Bill and all the Year 4 parents and children who joined us for the **Advent Reflection at 8:15 on Monday morning**. I'm afraid that Year 3 were rather outdone, as almost the whole of Year 4 turned up en masse for their turn at the Advent Reflection! Well done Year 4 (and families!) This coming Monday will be the turn of our **Y5 parents and children** and we hope to see very many of you in the hall at 8:15am. Y3, Y4 and all other year groups are, of course, also very welcome to come and join us for a few minutes of quiet reflection before the start of another busy December week.

With best wishes, Catherine Burnham

MUFTI FOR ST LUCY HOUSE—MONDAY 11 DECEMBER Children in St Lucy may wear their own clothes on Monday.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH—THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER Children bringing a packed lunch on Thursday may pack an extra treat (no nuts, please). Bookings for a school Christmas lunch are now closed.

CONCERT COLLECTIONS this year are for Mary's Meals, a charity which provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Money raised is matched by the government so every donation is doubled in value. You can find out more by following the link on our website.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PARKING FOR YEARS 1, 2 AND 3 Parents attending concerts for Years 1, 2 and 3 will be able to park on our back playground—please follow the signs. Thank you.

WEYBRIDGE DEANERY SURVEY Bishop Richard has held meetings around the diocese in recent weeks to look at the future of our Mission and Ministry. A questionnaire is now available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T7S53DZ>. Please look on our website for more information.

PE KIT As the weather gets colder, please can you make sure that your child, as well as having their full PE kit in school, also has a navy blue tracksuit (not Reception). The PE kit should include t-shirt, red shorts, white socks, trainers (not Reception) and plimsolls. It should be in school every day. Thank you.

LABELLING UNIFORM There remains a large amount of lost property, much of it unnamed. Please can we urge parents once again to ensure that **everything** brought into school such as all items of uniform, coats, scarves, gloves, lunch boxes, sports clothes and equipment etc is clearly labelled. Thank you.

CLUB NEWS The **Cricket Academy**, which runs after school on Wednesdays for KS2 children, has spaces for next term. If you are interested please contact: info@twenty20cricketcompany.com. Please check on the clubs list to see when clubs are finishing for the term. Those already finished are: All Saints + St Erconwald Singers, KS2 Golf, Ballet, Cricket Academy, Tennis and Spanish.

SPORTS NEWS

A big well done to all our Year 5 and 6 Girls' football team who took part in the Royal Holloway tournament on 30 November. There were 16 teams taking part and they got to the final only to lose narrowly to Ashley School—1-0 two minutes from time. The girls all played tremendously well as a team and displayed many of the learning powers such as Resilience, Resourcefulness and Risk-taking! Well done girls! Also a special thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supported the team. See the website for photos. *By Mrs Cox-Wilson*
Unfortunately our Boys' Years 5 and 6 teams both lost narrowly 3-2 to Cleves on Monday.

PA CHRISTMAS FAIR—SATURDAY NOON TO 3PM

Including:

Bottle, jar and chocolate tombolas

Secret Present Room

Santa's Grotto

Cardinal Café, Raffle draw (prizes attached)

Silent Auction

Lots of stalls and more

plus a Magic Mirror Photo Booth.

We look forward to seeing you!

