



## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair 6.30pm-8.30pm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Class Christmas Trip to the Pavilion Theatre
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Christmas Trip to The Ark
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Senior Carol Service 7pm @ St. Matthew's Church
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Junior Carol Service 9am @ St. Matthew's Church
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	School closes at 12pm for all pupils for Christmas Holidays
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School re-opens at 8.30am
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	The Primary School will be closed for the Primary Language Curriculum In-service Training for Teachers (The Pre-School will remain open)



### Christmas Carol Services

Parents, every year our children perform their Christmas plays in St Matthew's Church and these events are very well attended; however it can be sometimes difficult to see or hear the performances especially if you are seated towards the rear of the church. Also, there is often a scramble in the aisle to get a good view for recording different parts of the plays and this can take from the enjoyment of the occasion. We are currently investigating whether it is feasible to produce a school version of each performance that can be bought in DVD format for a small price, this will ensure that every parent has the best seat in the house when it comes to viewing the recording! If you have the skills or equipment that could enable us to produce this please contact your PTA rep or the School Office. Thank you.

#### Details of Carol Services:



#### Senior Carol Service (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class)

The Senior Carol Service is on at 7pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. ALL senior children must arrive at the church by 6.45pm. All are welcome.

#### Junior Carol Service (Pre-School - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class)

The Junior Carol Service will begin at 9am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the church. Please note that all junior children (Pre-School - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class) must be dropped off at the church, NOT at school on this morning.

Senior children (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class) should make their way to school as normal. Parents are more than welcome to bring any senior siblings to the church to watch the Junior Carol Service; however, they are responsible for their return to school after the performance. Junior children will be walked back to school by their teachers.

Please note that we cannot accommodate bicycles or scooters at the church.

In preparation for the big performance, both junior and senior children will watch each other's dress rehearsals the week of the carol services!!

We're all looking forward to it, ho ho ho!



## **Our Christmas Fair takes place tomorrow** **Friday 8th December from 6.30pm-8.30pm**

We are all getting excited for our Christmas Fair tomorrow, 6.30-8.30pm and we would ask that everyone gets their aprons on and “bakes” their favourite treat for homework tonight! All your “baking” can be left into the hall tomorrow morning at drop off and make sure you collect your homework pass as a big thank you from the PTA for baking! We can’t wait to see what you have baked.....cakes, buns, brownies, tray bakes, rice crispie cakes.....yum!

This year our main attraction for the children is a fabulous Magician who will bamboozle, amuse and entertain your children in equal measure, we will be really excited to welcome him. Lots of usual stalls will be there on the night. We have been very fortunate to receive a plethora of wonderful prizes for our raffle. Other attractions include Christmas movies, coffee & tea.....or if you're feeling festive some mulled wine! Plenty to keep everyone entertained and all for a cause dear to our hearts and vital to the improvement of our children’s education.

We look forward to seeing you all there tomorrow night!

### **St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal**

Some pupils from Marian College dropped in St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal envelopes. They are available from the school lobby should you want one.

### **Head Lice**

**If you discover Head Lice in you son/daughter’s hair, please let the school know immediately to facilitate the implementation of the policy which aims to reduce the spread of Head Lice throughout the class and school.  
Many thanks for your continued support in this matter.**

*The Head Lice Experts were in the school last week carrying out a screening in one class. We learnt a huge amount from them:*

- \* You cannot rely on a child to itch to indicate lice as 53% of people are not allergic to the saliva and won't itch as a result.
- \* Eggs that have been laid are not visible for between 5 and 7 days.
- \* Head Lice treatments often do not kill the lice and eggs - the only reliable way to get rid of an infestation is to wet comb with a good quality nit comb every day until they are gone.
- \* Head Lice Experts recommend a weekly wet comb of children's hair.
- \* Placing your child's coat and scarves into a bag (e.g. plastic bag for life) on their coat hook will do wonders to help prevent the spread of lice. You are welcome to supply a bag should you wish.

*Please read on to next page↓*



## Road and School Lane Safety

- Children and adults must dismount their bikes and scooters once they reach the School Warden. They must stand beside the School Warden and wait to cross when the School Warden says it is safe to do so.
- As we approach mid-winter please be mindful that pedestrians are not as visible to drivers in the dim winter light, if you are walking or cycling with your children to or from school it is advisable to use high-vis accessories to improve visibility.
- Please be mindful that Cranfield Place and Oswald Road are both residential streets and that the residents need vehicular access to and from their houses at peak times too. Please do not park in front of driveways, or park in a manner that impedes access, blocks traffic or blocks pedestrian access (requiring young children or parents with buggies to walk out onto roads).
- If your children are of an age where they can be trusted to make their own way to school from your car in the mornings, via the school warden if necessary, then, unless you have a specific reason to visit the school, please consider allowing them that little bit of independence. This will in turn hopefully take pressure off parking in the area.
- Please DO NOT park/stop on the yellow box (Tritonville Road) or 'zig zag' yellow lines (Cranfield Place). These areas are for the specific use of the School Wardens and the safety of our children relies on the ability of our School Wardens to carry out their duties safely - it is not an exaggeration to say that careless parking endangers children's lives.
- Cycling/scooting/skate boarding is not allowed on the school lane, it can cause needless accidents.
- If you are bringing a dog to the school in the mornings/afternoons please ensure that they are tied up securely at the lane entrance, that any extension leads are locked tight and please be mindful that not all children, or adults, are comfortable around dogs. If your child can make their own way into school from the school gate it might be a good opportunity to afford them some independence so the dog doesn't need to be left alone.



St. Matthew's Church

invite you to

*A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols*

Sunday 17th December @ 11.30am

*Followed by*

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

*All welcome!*