



CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent and we are writing with details of our Advent Programme here at school. The season of Advent gives our school community the opportunity to make sure that we are truly prepared and ready to enter into the Christmas Season with an open and willing heart.

Our programme this year will include opportunities for:

- Prayer and Reflection on the themes of the Advent Sunday Gospels through extended prayer time once a week through tutor time.
- Reconciliation Services
- Living out our Christian Duty to help others through our charity work and acts of service.
- Joy and Celebration of not only the Christmas Season but of our achievements during the Autumn Term.

Christmas Mass with Carols

On Tuesday 12th December our whole school community are invited to a special evening. We will be listening to carols with our wonderful choir before Fr. Pat joins us for mass and we are in for a real treat at the end when some of our Year 7 dancers will showcase their talents for us!

End of Term Christmas Masses

Students will also take our annual trip to Holy Family Church where Fr. Pat will celebrate mass with Year 7, 10 and 11 on Wednesday 13th December and Year 8, 9 and 12/13 on Thursday 14th December. Students will be accompanied by their tutors and the Mass is a real highlight of our year. Mass will take place in the middle of the school day.

Charity and acts of Service

Also, in this letter, we would like in particular, to bring our charity events to your attention. Starting from Monday 4th December, we are collecting food items for Christmas Hampers for families in Coventry, the food bank and the Social Supermarkets. Staff and students are invited to bring items of food into school that will be distributed before the end of term. Please see the list of food items attached to this letter and please do help if you are able to.

On Friday 8th December we will be having our Christmas Non-Uniform Day. Students are invited to dress in their own clothes, including cultural dress if appropriate and students would like to. Students are requested to donate £1 which will be added to our charity pot for Myton Hospice, Dementia UK and Meals.

This year we are working closely with CAFOD and each tutor group is asked to raise money to buy a 'World Gift' for a family in a developing country. Once the money is raised, they will be able to decide on a range of gift choices from clean water, Chirpy Chickens to maybe even a goat!

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Please do encourage your son / daughter to get involved in our Advent Programme and to give if they are able to. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch please do so using email address carmel.keane@cncs.school and look out for all the updates on our social media platforms!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed and peaceful advent season.

Yours faithfully



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