



Advent and Christmas

We have this week begun the season of Advent as we wait for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth. We are discussing this season in assemblies where we have our Advent candles marking the countdown. Next week we have our annual Carol Service to which you are all invited. This is again at St Luke's and is a joint event with Sacred Heart and St Thomas More primary schools. The following Thursday our choir will also sing at The Kings' School Carol Service in the Cathedral.

We will conclude our term with a Carol Service and Christmas Dinner on the last day, Friday 18th, when the students will be dismissed at 2.15 pm. Any students that need to stay until 3.30 pm may do so as long as they let their form tutor know before the day.

We again have a school Christmas card to send to guests and visitors that we work with during the year and I am grateful to Gemma Titchmarsh for this year's design. If you know of someone that you would like to receive a card from the school please pass on their name.

Students, Parents, Staff and Friends are invited to our annual

Carol Service

St Luke's Church

Orton Malborne

Thursday 10 December - 7.00 pm



Celebration of Eid

This afternoon we have our Eid party after school. We hope that this will be a great success and thank those who have worked hard to arrange this event.

Parent Champion

In his role as Parent Champion, Father David will be available to see parents on Friday 11 December at 3.30 pm. Father David may be contacted by phoning him direct on 01733-562528 ext 5, or by email at frdavidallsouls@hotmail.com

Shadow Governing Body

On Wednesday evening this week the Shadow Governing body met for the first time as a separate group. The meeting focussed on how the new group will work over the coming months and elected Ashok Khosla as Chair.

The shadow Governing Body needs to have 12 members, all appointed by the Local Authority, and a majority of these must be Foundation Governors. One parent governor remains to be confirmed. The other new governors are:

Ashok Khosla (Chair), *Foundation**

Father David Jennings, *Foundation**

Natalie Chan, *Foundation*

Kevin McCabe, *Foundation*

Dennis White, *Foundation*

Andrea Murfitt, *Foundation(Parent)*

Nick Ager, *Foundation(Parent)*

John Holdich, *Local Authority*

Shân Oswald, *Local Authority**

Sean Hayes, *Staff*

Mike Hill, *Staff*

The three governors indicated by an asterisk (*) are members of the Interim Executive Board and so provide continuity between the two groups.

The Shadow Governing Body will run until September when a permanent Governing Body will take over responsibility.

Safer Schools

We are very fortunate to have the services of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), Jackie Reid, for three days each week. Her work is part of the school's wider efforts to ensure that the students are safe and feel safe, but is supported by a Safer Schools Initiative that is being piloted in three areas of the country. This week we have been visited by Vic Hogg, Deputy Director General of Crime and Police at The Home Office. Mr Hogg came to St John Fisher on Tuesday afternoon as part of a day spent visiting schools which have been particularly successful in their Safer Schools work. He was accompanied by other senior police officers and school-based police officers. Local authority staff also joined the meeting. Another good day for the school and my thanks to all those who have been and continue to be involved in this important work.

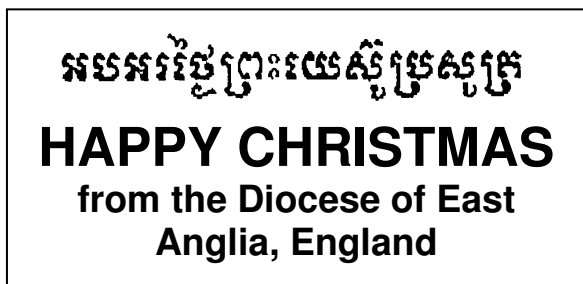
Sean Hayes

Message from Bishop Michael
Please send an extra Christmas Card to
Cambodia or The Holy Land

Over the last five years East Anglia has given wonderful support to our friends in our two twin dioceses - the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang in Cambodia. Each year hundreds of Christmas Cards make their way from East Anglia to Catholic communities in each diocese. Simple gestures such as sending a Christmas card mean a great deal to them, showing that they are not alone as they live their faith. Again this year, I invite everyone to send at least one extra Christmas card. I suggest you do not write your full personal address on the card (although you can put your parish or school), or write more than a very short greeting. Cards should be sent as soon as possible to allow for the Christmas postal rush.

Please cut out either the Cambodian "Happy Christmas" or the Arabic "Happy Christmas" below to paste into your card.

Cambodian "Happy Christmas"



Arabic "Happy Christmas"



Please always send a proper religious card showing the real meaning of Christmas (a dignified Nativity scene, or Mary and Jesus).

We will be sending one of our School Christmas cards to Cambodia and the Holy Land to support these Catholic communities at Christmas.

Below are three addresses for you to choose from:

The Arrupe Centre in Battambang

All the Children - Arrupe Centre
PO Box 330
Battambang
Cambodia

Sister Sophie's Orphanage in Bethlehem

All the Children - Holy Family Children's Home
PO Box 8
Bethlehem
Palestine

The Children of Gaza

All the Children - Holy Family Parish
PO Box 149
Gaza
Palestine

Attendance

Congratulations to the following students who received prizes for 100% attendance up to October half term:

Yr 7	T J Hercules and Laurib Arif
Yr 8	Shai Brown and Kieran Porter
Yr 9	Jessica Gilbert and Savio De Miranda
Yr 10	Maria Miranda and Christopher Power
Yr 11	Heather Hung and Aaron Graham

Advent Fundraising

This year our Advent fundraising will be in aid of CAFOD and also The Cambridge Nazareth Trust - an organisation that helps Catholic children in the Holy Land attend school. We are also collecting tins/packets of food or dried goods for St Theresa's House, a homeless shelter in Peterborough. Please bring any donations for St Theresa's to school by Monday 14 December.

Sports News

Year 10 student Gemma Titchmarsh recently represented the City of Peterborough Rowing Club in the National Indoor Rowing Championships held in Birmingham. Gemma was one of a team of four crowned National Champions for their age group - a fantastic achievement well done Gemma!

Chroma Sport will be in school on Tuesday 8 December from 1.15 pm to sell PE kit to those students who require it. Sales will be cash only so students are advised to bring in the correct money. Polo shirts will be on sale for £6.95 and £7.95 for the larger sizes. Rugby shirts are £15.95 and £18.95 for the larger sizes. The above items will be available to buy in the Atrium. Please see a member of the PE Department for further details.
